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M. W. BRO. HUGH MURRAY,

Grand Master 1884-1885.



M. W. BRO. HENRY ROBERTSON, K. C.

Grand Master 1886-1887.



M. W. BRO. RICHARD T. WALKEM, K. C.

Grand Master 1888-1889.



M. W. BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Grand Master 1890-1891.



M. W. BRO. HON. J. M. GIBSON, K. C.,

GRAND MASTER 1892-1893.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

—OF—

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

—AT—

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—

Sault Ste. Marie, on the 8th September, A. L. 5900, and at Kincardine, on the 11th June, A. L. 5901.

ALSO AT THE

Forty-Sixth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF HAMILTON,

—ON THE—

17th and 18th July, A. D. 1901, A. L. 5901.



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Sault Ste Marie in the District of Algoma on Saturday the Eighth day of September A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst.....as Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. R. H. Knight.....as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. M. McFadden.....as Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. W, J. Thompson.....as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. E. H. Capp.....as Grand Chaplain.
Bro. F. W. Johnston.....as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. C. V. Campbell.....as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Edward Biggings.....as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. F. B. Fripp.....as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. G. M. Farwell.....as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. B. Way.....as Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Bro. Fred Rogers as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. W. Smith as Grand Organist.
Bro. J. B. Miller.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. W. Turner.....as Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. John Gilbertson....
Bro. B. McKinstry
Bro. C. A. Fink.....
Bro. F. A. Lucas.....
Bro. Thomas D. Ross...
Bro. A. D. McNab.....
Bro. T. L. Foley.....
Bro. J. B. Simes.....
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd.....
Bro. P. McKenna.....
Bro. L. McIntosh.....
Bro. A. J. Rogers.....
} as Grand Stewards.

Bro. H. Dubois as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District, acting as Grand Master in form at two o'clock afternoon, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Citizens Band of Sault Ste. Marie, marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe,

On the Eighth Day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred, the Sixty-third year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady

Queen Victoria

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies of Europe, Asia, Africa, the Dominion of Canada, etc.

The EARL OF MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT, being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

HON. G. W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

A. E. DYMENT, Esquire, being Member of Parliament for the District.

C. F. FARWELL, Esquire, being Member in the Local Assembly.

WILLIAM H. PLUMMER, Esquire, being Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Right Reverend Father in God, GEORGE, by Divine permission Third Bishop of Algoma, being Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The Reverend EDWARD HENRY CAPP, being Rector of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie.

M. W. Bro R. B. HUNGERFORD, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. A. McCROSSAN, D.D.G.M. of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

was laid by R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, P.D.D.G.M., assisted by the acting Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Church of St. John the Evangelist,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing the scroll and certain newspapers and records. The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine, and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, the acting Grand Master, then gave a short address, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

ATTEST:

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

AUDI VIDE TACE

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the Old Chalmer's Church lot 11, con. 7, Township of Kincardine, County of Bruce, on Thursday, 11th day of July, A. D. 1901, A. L. 5901.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford..... Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. D. Stewart.....as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. F. B. Collins as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. Isaac W. McDonald as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. Edward Fox.....as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. William Timble as Grand Registrar.
Bro. R. D. Hall.....as Grand Secretary.
Bro. A. C. Lyons as Ass't Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. John M. Kellar as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro Isaac Morrison as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn. as Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. P. Macpherson as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Hugh Clark as Grand Organist.
Bro. M. T. Huffman as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Robt. Baird.....
Bro. Alex. Campbell
Bro. Wm. Henderson
Bro. Lorne Campbell
Bro. Dr. Bradley.....
Bro. Kenneth McKenzie....
Bro. Jno. A. McKenzie.....
Bro. James Caskey.....
Bro. Frank Sellery.....
Bro. John Hiles.....
} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. M. J. McPherson..... as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren from various lodges.

The constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock afternoon, in the old Chalmer's Church, by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of Chalmer's Church (new).

The brethren having received the necessary instructions as to usual mode of procedure, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of R. W. Bro. Dr. Martyn, acting Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site of the new building in course of erection, in the prescribed form, taking their positions as laid down in the book of ceremonies.

Prayer was then offered up by the acting Grand Chaplain.

A very appropriate address was read by Rev. Mr. McEachern, the officiating clergyman of the church.

A young lady then ascended the platform, and in appropriate terms presented the M. W. the Grand Master with a suitably inscribed silver trowel.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe,

On the Eleventh Day of July, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, A. L. Five Thousand Nine Hundred and One, the First Year of the Reign of

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Africa, Europe and America,

His Excellency the Right Honorable GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, G.C.M.G., being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable OLIVER MOWAT, G.C.M.G., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G., P.C., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Reverend PETER McEACHERN, being name of the Pastor.

Reverend R. H. WORDEN, D.D., being Moderator of the General Assembly.

S. T. CANNON, Esq., Warden of the County.

S. COLWELL, being Reeve of Kincardine Township.

M. W. Bro. R. B. HUNGERFORD, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, A. F. & A. M.

R. W. Bro. J. HENDERSON SCOTT, being D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

Bro. JOHN TOLMIE, M.P. for West Bruce.
Bro. ANDREW MALCOLM, M.P.P. for Centre Bruce.
Bro. ALEX. CAMPBELL, Inspector of Public Schools.

This Corner Stone,

OF CHALMER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

was laid by M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the surrounding country.

Trustees—Forbes Robertson, David Robertson, and Duncan Campbell.

Contractor—Bro. John A. Mackenzie.

Chairman of Building Committee—Donald McKenzie.

Treasurer—Duncan Matheson.

Elders—Forbes Robertson, R. B. Campbell, Duncan McCrae, Wesley Hutton, Duncan Campbell, Ephraim McCarty, Donald McKenzie.

A history of the old church was read, from its erection some forty years ago to date, by Rev. P. McEachern, both of which were deposited in the cavity of the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their respective offices to the stone and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the old church, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Forty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the 17th day of July, A. D. 1901, A. L., 5901.

PRESENT.

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding.

R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Gibson	Grand Junior Warden.
R W. Bro. J. C. Farthing.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. C. W. Marlatt	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. Rev. G. Chrystal.....as	Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon.....as	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon as	Asst. Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. E. J. Moore.....as	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. J. T. Crawford.....as	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. G. W. Sutherland...	
V. W. Bro. A. J. Young.....	
V. W. Bro. J. J. Manning.....	
V. W. Bro. G. B. Magee.....	
V. W. Bro. F. R. Royce	Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. R. H. Knight.....	
V. W. Bro. J. H. Herring.....	
V. W. Bro. Richard Guest.....	
V. W. Bro. James Old.....	
V. W. Bro. J. R. Croft..... .	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. W. Tocher	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro Rev.W. H Jamieson,D.D.	Erie	District No. 1
R. W. Bro. John Thornicroft.....	London	" 3
R. W. Bro. D. E Munro.....	South Huron	" 4
R. W. Bro. James H. Scott.....	North Huron	" 5

R. W. Bro. James Smiley	Wilson	District No.	6
R. W. Bro. Wm. Cowan	Wellington	"	7
R. W. Bro. Wm. Birrell	Hamilton	"	8
R. W. Bro. Alvin Orton	Georgian	"	9
R. W. Bro. T. A. Simpson	Niagara	"	10
R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden	Toronto West	"	11
R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould	Toronto East	"	11*a*
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R. W. Bro. A. Shaw	Frontenac	"	14
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R. W. Bro. John Robertson	Ottawa	"	16
R. W. Bro. G. W. Liddle	Nipissing	"	18

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	FROM GRAND LODGE OF
M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson	England.
R. W. Bro. H. A. Mackay	Scotland.
M. W. Bro. William Gibson	Quebec.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell	New South Wales.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord	New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson	District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Florida.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White	Georgia.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	Indiana.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite	Maine.
M. W. Bro R. B. Hungerford	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	Missouri.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson	Montana.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf	Nebraska.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. William Rea	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J S Dewar	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. D. B. Burch	Ohio.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor	Oregon.
R. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb	South Carolina.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
M. W. Bro J. K. Kerr	Texas.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	Utah.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley	Belgium.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait	Cuba.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem	Peru.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.—A. A. Stevenson, J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, R. T. Walkem, J. Ross Robertson,

J. M. Gibson, W. R. White, Wm. Gibson, E. T. Malone, W. A. Sutherland, J. J. Mason.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—A. T. Freed, John Hoodless, T. R. Atkinson Geo. Tait, James Glanville, Donald Ross, Aubrey White, Wm. Roaf, R. L. Gunn, W. J. Robertson, John Parry, Joseph Beck, T. McCallum, R. M. Stuart, W. G. Reid, Donald McPhie, John Malloy, W. F. Miller, I. Dubber, Geo. S. May, Geo. C. Holden, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, W. McDonald, D. H. Martyn, D. F. Macwatt, F. A. Latshaw, R. E. Wood, W. F. Miles, D. B. Burch, G. W. Holwell, J. G. Liddell, W. J. Mooney, R. W. Longmore, D. Forsyth, R. H. Preston, Wm. Kerns, William Rea, David Taylor, Robert Scott, P. W. D. Brodrick, A. E. Cooper, John McLaren, D. D. Campbell, J. C. Morgan, J. C. Bartle, J. B. Carscallen, R. Mahoney, T. C. MacNabb, R. Hillier, Donald Robertson, Alexander Hess, Hugh Hyndman, W. D. McPherson, W. Jaques, James Noble, J. A. McFadden, F. G. Inwood, Wm. Kennedy, Isaac Huber, Geo. F. Morris, C. V. Emory, James Walmsley, W. H. Hearst, T. W. Chapple, W. R. Hickey, Geo. Landerkin.

PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.—C. W. Postlethwaite, I. F. Passmore, G. R. Vanzant, James McLauchlan, L. Secord, A. W. Porte, Benjamin Allen, Allen McLean, T. W. Lester.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.—A. B. Greer, J. S. Dewar, A. A. S. Ardagh, W. A. Green.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.—Rev. George Chrystal

PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.—H. A. Mackay, W. C. Wilkinson, F. F. Manley, T. M. Davis, Malcolm Gibbs, F. C. Martin, J. C. Boyd.

PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.—James Y. Egan, Henry Clark.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.—Thos. Burnie.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.—John Jones.

PAST GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.—H. M. Wright, Geo. C. Patterson, W. Ballantyne.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARIES.—R. A. Hutchison, C. Lemon.

PAST GRAND ORGANISTS.—Alex. Smith, N. L. Steiner, F. D. Kent.

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.—John Newton, J. K. Brydon, Adam Norton, J. P. Boles.

PAST GRAND STEWARDS.—James Old, James Dundas, C. F. Harris, S. Beaumont, James Stewart, Geo. Middleditch, J. H. Dickenson, J. D. Dewar, F. Holwell, James Wilson, N. Shafley, W. A. Ferrah, Daniel Rose, John Ritchie, James MacFarlane R. Guest.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.—John Parsell, W. C. Fitzgerald, R. Cuthbert, J. W. Jones, R. H. Knight, J. R. Crott

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship Mayor Hendrie and members of the City Council were announced, introduced and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

As Mayor of the City of Hamilton, it is my honor and privilege to greet yourself, officers and brethren of the Grand

Lodge, and also on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city at this, your 46th annual communication. It is but fit and proper that you should receive a royal welcome here, as this city has probably more Masons in proportion to its population than any other in the Dominion of Canada, besides furnishing and having furnished many of the chief officers of the Order.

I have full knowledge that the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons flourishes in this city, not only amongst those engaged in educational and professional matters, and in the city government, but also amongst the good men and true in every walk of life.

Allow me to congratulate this great gathering and yourself on the steady advancement Masonry is making in this country, and especially in this city, to the benefit of our fellowmen. Time-honored and universally respected, it has pursued the even tenor of its way, inculcating and promoting the grand principles upon which it is founded, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and endeavoring in every possible way to instil a noble patriotism and true citizenship in the hearts of those not only within its own ranks, but also of all with whom it comes in contact, and who feel and recognize its great influence for good.

We are pleased that this city should be again chosen for your annual communication, and I trust your meeting may be most enjoyable, and in every way profitable. I fully recognize and appreciate the honor conferred upon me by my admission to the ranks of this ancient and honorable society, and I have to thank your Grand Secretary, who was kind enough to be my sponsor in Masonic matters, and who has since my reception into the Order afforded me valuable information. I may say that it must be with feelings of satisfaction that you have him again amongst you restored to health.

JOHN S. HENDRIE,
Mayor.

The M. W. the Grand Master, having made a suitable response, and a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.15 o'clock p. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings

A deputation of Masters from the Hamilton Lodges was announced, introduced and presented to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To the Most Worshipful Bro. Richard B. Hungerford, Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren—

The officers and brethren of the Hamilton Lodges tender

you and the officers and members of Grand Lodge a most cordial and fraternal welcome in this, the 46th annual communication of Grand Lodge, held in the first year of the reign of His Most Gracious Majesty Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland and the vast dependencies.

It is with feelings of pleasure we welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir, to our fair city, and congratulate you upon the distinguished position you occupy as presiding officer. We feel assured that wisdom will guide you in the preservation of the traditions, ceremonies and ancient landmarks of our glorious Order, and assist you in disseminating its sacred tenets, its noble teachings and its cardinal virtues. And as the work of your illustrious predecessors now reflects credit and honor upon them, so we trust and believe that equal lustre will mark your incumbency of the Grand East.

On behalf of the Masons of Hamilton we would convey to the members of Grand Lodge our sincere wish that the pleasures of your visit among us may be commensurate with the wisdom which will characterize your proceedings. While we recognize that the important labors of Grand Lodge must claim the major part of your attention, we are, nevertheless, confident that the efforts of the local brethren will cause you to carry away happy recollections of the lighter duties of our present session. The many points of interest within the Ambitious City, with its vast industries and its beautiful surroundings, will, we trust, afford the brethren ample means of spending with pleasure and profit such hours of recreation as may be at their disposal.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, we trust that through the assistance of that light which emanates from the Great Architect of the Universe alone, wisdom, strength and beauty may adorn the level course of your deliberations, and give efficacy to the labors of this present communication.

Signed on behalf of the brethren of Hamilton:

R. B. GRIFFITH, W. M. The Barton Lodge, No. 6.
W. E. LaCHANCE, W. M. Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27.
A. P. NICOL, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40.
C. O. NICOL, W. M. Acacia Lodge, No. 61.
GEO. H. CARLEY, W. M. Temple Lodge, No. 324.
G. H. LANIGAN, W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 382.
WM. BIRRELL, D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication were read from V. W. Bros. Rev. Wm. Farncomb, Grand Organist, and Walter Morgan, Grand Pursuivant.

The W.M. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-fifth Annual Communication, held in the City of London, on the 18th and 19th days of July, A.D. 1900, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. Frank O. Gilbert, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Neil McMillan, Deputy Grand Master, and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Michigan were announced, introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf, Wm. Birrell, Wm. Cowan, W. H. McFadden and F. J. Howell, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present:

No. 2. *Niagara, Niagara.*

W. Bros. F. Masters, W. M.; W. E. Lyall, P. M.

No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*

W. Bro. J. A. Minnes, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Renton, S. W.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, P. M.

No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*

W. Bros. W. H. Kyle, W. M.; Jonathan Greene, L. de Carle, G. K. Dewey and Charles Rose, P. M's.

No. 6. *The Barton, Hamilton.*

W. Bro. R. B. Griffith, W. M.; Bros. J. J. Evel, S. W.; Fred. Johnston, J. W.; M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, R. W. Bros. H. A. MacKay, A. T. Freed and John Hoodless, W. Bros. T. Clappison, E. M. Donovan, D. McMillan, S. G. Moore, A. McPherson, W. J. Grant, E. G. Zealand, H. S. Griffin, J. P. Steedman, Jas. Weir, S. A. Findlay, T. W. Reynolds, J. G. Gauld and W. E. Henderson, P. M's.

No. 7. *Union, Grimsby.*

W. Bro. A. E. Phillips, W. M.; Bros. C. W. Harrison, S. W.; W. F. Randall, J. W.; W. Bros. W. A. Millworth, W. J. Drope and W. F. Clark, P. M's.

No. 10. *Norfolk, Simcoe.*

W. Bro. R. S. McGill, W. M.; R. W. Bros. J. C. Boyd and T. R. Atkinson, W. Bros. Frank Reid, G. H. Luscombe and W. S. Wood, P. M's.

No. 11. *Moira, Belleville.*

W. Bro. L. Marsh, W. M.; V. W. Bro. John Newton and W. Bro. W. Lattimer, P. M's.

No. 14. *True Britons, Perth.*

Rro. R. E. Hicks, S. W.

No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*

W .Bro. A. McLaren, W. M.; Bro. J. G. Harris, J. W.; W. Bro. C. G. McGhie, P. M.

No. 16. *St. Andrew s, Toronto.*

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No. 263 *Forest, Forest.*
W. Bro. W. H. Bartram, W. M.

No. 264 *Chaudiere, Ottawa.*
W. Bros. W. M. Ross, W. M.; R. W. Fair, P. M.

No. 265. *Patterson, Thornhill.*
W. Bros. Robert Forbes, W. M.; J. Cherry, John Drury and Robert Thompson, P. M's.

No. 266. *Northern Light, Kincardine.*
W. Bro. J. W. Bethune, P. M., Proxy.

No. 267. *Parthenon, Chatham.*
R. W. Bro. T. C. MacNabb, P. M., Proxy.

No. 268. *Verulam, Bobcaygeon.*
W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, Proxy.

No. 269 *Brougham Union, Brougham.*
W. Bros. W. G. Barnes, P. M., Proxy; E. J. Walsh, P. M.

No. 271 *Wellington, Erin.*
W. Bro. John Willis, W. M.; V. W. Bro. F. W. Royce, P. M.

No. 272. *Seymour, Ancaster.*
W. Bro. J. Sager, W. M.; Bro. E. W. Wright, S. W.; V. W. Bro. James Stewart and W. Bros. E. Kenrick, G. D. Farmer, Peter Middleton and T. A. Walker, P. M's.

No. 274 *Kent, Blenheim*
W. Bro. John Cocker, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, P. M.

No. 277 *Seymour, Port Dalhousie.*
W. Bro. R. Walton, S. W.

No. 279. *New Hope, Hespeler.*
W. Bros. Walter Renwick, W. M.; W. H. Weaver, P.M.

No. 282 *Lorne, Glencoe.*
W. Bro. W. J. French, P. M., Proxy.

No. 283. *Eureka, Belleville.*

W. Bro. F. Davey Diamond, W. M.

No. 284. *St. John's, Brussels.*

W. Bro. R. N. Barrett, P. M., Proxy.

No. 285. *Seven Star, Alliston.*

W. Bro. J. J. Harper, P. M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. Hugh M. Wright and W. Bro. W. S. Ellis, P. M's.

No. 287. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*

V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, Proxy.

No. 289. *Doric, Lobo.*

V. W. Bro. J. D. Dewar, W. M.

No. 290. *Leamington, Leamington.*

W. Bro. W. A. Baker, W. M.; R. W. Bro. R. Hillier, P.M.

No. 291. *Dufferin, West Flamboro.*

W. Bro. J. K. Jones, W. M.; W. Bros. John Burbank, David Bell, William Clark, Alfred Jones, W. J. Adams, A. E. Terryberry and John Simon ,P. M's.

No. 295. *Conestogo, Drayton.*

W. Bro. W. H. Smith, P. M., Proxy.

No. 296. *Temple, St. Catharines.*

W. Bro. A .J. McGregor, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. D. Robertson and W. Bro. Wm. Thomson, P. M's.

No. 297. *Preston, Preston.*

W. Bro. D. B. Miller, P. M., Proxy.

No. 300 *Mt. Olivet, Thorndale.*

W. Bro. J. L. Guest, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Richard Guest, P. M.

No. 302. *St. David's St Thomas.*

W. Bro. J. A. Kilpatrick, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. Hess, P. M.

No. 304. *Minerva Stroud.*

W. Bro. Wm. Adams, W. M.

No. 305. *Crumber, Weston.*

W. Bro. Thos. E. Elliott, P. M., Proxy.

No. 306. *Durham, Durham.*

W. Bro. J. A. Hunter, W. M.; Bros. Thos. Black, S. W.; R. J. S. Dewar, J. W.

No. 307. *Arkona, Arkona.*

W. Bro. H. A. Spearman, W. M.

No. 309. *Morning Star, Smith's Hill.*

W. Bro. Jas. Young, W. M.; R. W. Bro. D. E. Munro, P. M.

No. 313. *Clementi, Lakefield.*

W. Bros. A. V. Hill, W. M.; John Hull, P. M.

No. 314. *Blair, Palmerston.*

R. W. Bro. H. Hyndman, sr., P. M,. Proxy.

No. 315. *Clifford, Clifford.*

W. Bro. R. M. Lindsay, Proxy.

No. 316. *Doric, Toronto.*

W. Bro. J. B .Johnson, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh and W. Bros. J. E. Cook, Wm. McCartney, H. H. Williams, B. N. Davis and J. H. Pirie, P. M's.

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V. W. Bro. F. Holwell, P. M.

No. 320. *Chesterville, Chesterville.*

W. Bro. George Elliott, W. M.

No. 321. *Walker, Acton West.*

W. Bro. A. J. McKinnon, W. M.

No. 322. *North Star, Owen Sound.*

W. Bro. W. H. Wright, P. M., Proxy.

No. 323. *Alvinston, Alvinston.*

W. Bro. W. E. Germain, W. M.; Bro. P. P. Winn, J. W.; W. Bro. J. B .Martyn, P. M.

No. 324. *Temple, Hamilton.*

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No. 325. *Orono, Orono.*

R. W. Bro. G. H. Linton, P. M.

No. 326. *Zetland, Toronto.*

W. Bro. John Bastedo, W.M.; M. W. Bros. W. A. Sutherland and E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, V. W. Bro. James Wilson, and W. Bros. J. H. Macabe, H. Leeson and W. M. Angus, P. M's.

No. 327. *The Hammond, Wardsville.*

Bro. R .T. Lord, S. W.

No. 329. *King Solomon, Jarvis.*

W. Bro. John Thomson, W. M.; R. W. Bros. W. Jaques and Jas. Noble, and W. Bro. Jas Duncan, P. M's.

No. 330. *Corinthian, London.*

W. Bros. W. H. Irvine, W. M.; E. Blanchard, P. M.

No. 331. *Fordwich, Fordwich.*

W. Bro. Stephen Brown, P. M., Proxy.

No. 332. *Stratford, Stratford.*

R. W. Bro. J. A. McFadden, P. M.

No. 333. *Prince Arthur, Flesherton.*

W. Bro. W. J. Bellamy, W. M.; Bro. A. M. Gibson, S. W.

No. 334. *Prince Arthur, Arthur.*

W. Bro. the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, W. M.; Bros. F. S. Mitchell, S. W.; T. A. Humphries, J. W.; W. Bros. R. M. Lindsay, S. G. Neill, E. E. Snider and M. Wilkins, P. M's.

No. 336 *Highgate, Highgate.*

W. Bro. S. H. Foster, W. M.

No. 338. *Dufferin, Wellandport.*

W. Bro. M. H. Prentiss, W. M.; V. W. Bro. N. Shafley and W. Bros. J. R. Goring, J. E. Cohoe and H. Gracey, P. M's.

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No. 345. *Nilestown, Nilestown.*

Bro. Donald Fraser, J. W.

No. 346 *Occident, Toronto.*

W. Bros. H. J. Brown, W. M.; W. J. A. Lake, A. Curran, A. M. Browne, J. Muir and W. Crackle, P. M's.

No. 347. *Mercer, Fergus.*

W. Bros. J. J. Craig, W. M.; James Philip and Alex. Wyness, P. M's.

No. 348 *Georgian, Penetanguishene.*

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Proxy.

No. 352 *Granite, Parry Sound.*

W. Bros. David MacFarlane, P. M., Proxy; W. McGown, P. M.

No. 354. *Brock, Cannington.*

W. Bro. Wm. McLachlan, W. M.; Bro. H. Lacey, S. W.; W. Bros. M. L. Nutting and Thos. Foster, P. M's.

No. 356. *River Park, Streetsville.*

W. Bro. T. H. Goodison, W. M.

No. 357. *Waterdown, Millgrove.*

Bro. S. Frank Smith, S. W.; W. Bros. R. Flatt, W. T. Featherstone and Henry Clark, P. M's.

No. 359. *Vittoria, Vittoria.*

R. W. Bro. Wm. Kennedy and W. Bro. R. W. McCall, P. M's.

No. 360 *Muskoka, Bracebridge.*

Bro. F. P. Warne, J. W.; R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber and W. Bro. A. A. Mahaffy, P. M's.

No. 361. *Waverley, Guelph.*

W. Bros. Hugh Macdonald, W. M.; Charles Law and W. A. Clark, P. M's.

No. 364 *Dufferin, Melbourne.*

W. Bros. J. F. James, W. M.; George Hagarty, P. M.

No. 367. *St. George, Toronto.*

W. Bros. Geo. K. Clemens, W.M.; W. B. Stoneham, J. W. Hickson, J. J. Thompson, E. G. Howse, W. J. Guy and J. J. Main, P. M's.

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W. Bro. W. H. Mowat, W. M.

No. 369 *Mimico, Lambton Mills*

W. Bros. E. Bull, W. M.; J. D. Evans ,P. M.

No. 370. *Harmony, Delta*

Bro. G. H. McGhie, S. W.

No. 371 *Prince of Wales, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. W. J. McCoy, W. M.

No. 372. *Palmer. Bridgeburg.*

W. Bros. J. R. Menceke, W. M.; T. J. Wilbee, P. M.

No. 373. *Copestone, Welland.*

V. W. Bro. G. W. Sutherland, W. M.; Bro. E. P. Robins, J. W.; W. Bro. D. Jones, P. M.

No. 374. *Keene, Keene.*

W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Proxy.

No. 376. *Unity, Huntsville*

W. Bro. J. R. Reece, P. M., Proxy.

No. 377. *Lorne, Shelburne.*

W. Bros. John Palmer, W. M.; James Cleary, P. M.

No. 378. *King Solomon, London.*

W .Bros. R. Oke, W. M.; J. E. Weber, P. M .

No. 380. *Union. London*

W. Bro. John Lawson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. G. F. Morris and W. Bros. W. C. Fitzgerald and Stephen Grant, P.M's.

No. 382 *Doric, Hamilton.*

W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, W .M.; Bro. A. B. Clark, S. W.; R. W. Bro. C. V. Emory and W. Bros. Charles Smith, Fred. Walter, George Purrott, James Cheyne, H. J. Gilbert, R. E. Gallagher, W. F. Montague, J. A. Locheed and Thomas Smith, P. M's.

No. 383 *Henderson, West Winchester.*

W. Bro. W. J. Fraser, W. M.

No. 384. *Alpha, Toronto.*

W. Bros. Francis Blackburne, W.M.; J. E. Knox, Robert Ross, J. W. Isaacs and J. W. St. John, P. M's.

No 385. *Spry, Beeton.*

W. Bro. A. Goldsmith, W. M.; Bro. D. J. Dunn, S. W.; R. W. Bro. the Rev. G. Chrystal and V. W. Bro. J. R. Croft, P. M's.

No. 386. *McColl, West Lorne.*

W. Bro. P .A. McVicar, W. M.

No. 388. *Henderson, Haerton.*

W. Bro. E. Ironside, P. M., Proxy.

No 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*

W. Bro. W. F. Mattice, P. M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. George Middleditch, P. M.

No. 392. *Huron. Camlachie.*

W. Bros. Thomas Strong, W. M.; Thomas Crawford, J. W. Symington, Thomas Paton and S. W. Trusler, P.M's.

No. 394 *King Solomon's, Thamesford.*

W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, P. M., Proxy.

No. 395. *Parvaim, Comber.*

W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M., Proxy.

No. 396. *Cedar, Wiarton*

W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, W. M.; R. W. Bro. James Walmsley and W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P. M's.

No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*

W. Bro. A. S. Forster, W. M.; V. W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah and W. Bros. J. C. Ford, W. H. Robinson, W. S. Davis, Thomas Howarth, George Hillmer, W. H. Morden, M. Freeland, John Kaiting and W. H. Speers, P. M's.

No. 402. *Central, Essex Centre.*

W .Bro. J. W. Brien, P. M., Proxy .

No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*

W. Bro. F. P. Gavin, W. M.; Bros. R. H. Revell, S. W.; C. E. Greene, J. W.; W. Bro. G. H. Rodd, P. M.

No. 404. *Lorne, Tamworth.*

W. Bro. J. M. Smith, W. M.

No. 406. *The Spry, Fenelon Falls.*

R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, Proxy.

No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*

W. Bro. D. McKay, W. M.

No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*

W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, W. M.

No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*

W. Bros. R. H. Christie, W. M.; T. G. Malcolm, P. M.

No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*

W. Bro. Richard Roberts, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, V. W. Bro. R. H. Knight and W. Bro. J. M. Wemyss, P. M's.

No. 413. *Naphtali, Tilbury.*

W. Bros. A. Stenason, W. M.; Jas. Reynolds, P. M.

No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*

V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, P. M., Proxy.

No. 415. *Fort William, Fort William.*

V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, Proxy.

No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*

W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, W. M.

No. 417. *Keewatin, Keewatin*

R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, Proxy.

No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*

W. Bro. A. A. Sproule, W. M.

No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*

W. Bro. O. S. Clark, W. M.

No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*

W. C. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, W. M.; R. W. Bro. G. W. Liddle, P. M.

No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*

W. Bros. Wm. McIntyre, W. M.; J. A. V. Preston and W. R. Scott, P. M's.

No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*

R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, P. M., Proxy.

No. 423. *Strong, Sudbury.*

W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, W. M.

No. 425. *St. Clair, Sombra.*

W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, Proxy.

No. 426. *Stanley, Toronto Junction.*

W. Bro. J. W. Wansbrough, W. M.; Bros. John Patterson, S. W.; A. H. Royce, J. W.; W. Bros. R. L. McCormack, J. R. Royce and A. J. Anderson, P. M's.

No. 427. *Nickel, Sudbury.*

W. Bro. C. R. Reid, P. M., Proxy.

No. 430. *Acacia, East Toronto.*

W. Bros. R. D. Adams, W. M.; Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed and John Parsell, P. M's.

No. 431. *Moravian Eden Grove.*

W. Bro. J. T. Chittick, P. M., Proxy.

No. 432. *Hanover, Hanover*

W. Bro. John W. Stone, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Hon. George Landerkin, P. M.

No. 434. *Algonquin, Emsdale.*

W. Bros. W. L. B. Hamlin, W. M.; H. L. Barber, A. E. Munn and R. McConkey, P. M's.

No. 435. *Havelock, Havelock.*

W. Bro. T. H. Cummings, W. M.

No. 437. *Tuscan, Sarnia.*
W. Bro. F. J. Winlow, P. M., Proxy.

No. 438 *Harmony, Toronto.*
R. W. Bro. George C. Patterson, V. W. Bro, J. Y. Egan and W. Bro. Wm. Amor, P. M's.

No. 439. *Alexandria, Alexandria.*
R. W. Bro. A .D. Cameron, Proxy.

No. 440. *Arcadia, Minden.*
W. Bros. D. J. Hartle, W. M.; J. W. Watson and A. H. Brandon, P. M's.

No. 441. *Westport, Westport.*
W. Bro. R. Flegg. P, M., Proxy.

No. 442. *Dyment, Thessalon.*
W. Bro. A. E. Dyment, P. M., Proxy.

No. 444. *Nitetis, Cremore.*
W. Bro. Alfred H .Watson, W. M.

No 445. *Lake of the Woods, Rat Portage*
R .W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, P. M.

No. 446. *Granite, Fort Frances.*
R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, Proxy.

No. 447. *Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.*
W. Bro. A. J. Young, W. M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

BRETHREN,—

I extend to each of you a most fraternal welcome to this the Forty-sixth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. More especially do I welcome those who are here for the first time as representatives of their Lodges. I trust that our deliberations may be so conducted, and the results of our legislation so full of benefit to ourselves and the Fraternity of which we are members, that this particular meeting may remain a pleasant memory to us all. I do not think it advisable on the present occasion to make my message a very lengthy one; still, there are several matters that deserve more than a passing notice.

DEATH OF THE QUEEN.

The most important as well as the most absorbing event of the past year was the death of our beloved

Monarch, Queen Victoria, on the 22nd of January last. She was permitted by a Merciful and All-wise God to reach an age far beyond the allotted span of life. Queen Victoria had so intimate a place in the hearts of her people, and seemed so much a part of their daily life, that, in her death, one felt as though he had lost a very near and dear friend.

From the day Queen Victoria ascended the throne, as a girl of eighteen, she ever showed a splendid example of personal character and a high standard of right conduct. Her home life was a model of all that home life should be. Her court was pure and above reproach. As a woman, a wife and mother she won the hearts of the British people.

The force of her personal influence and sound judgment more than once averted disastrous consequences and unraveled serious complications. The story of her reign is the story of a long and momentous epoch of British history. It has witnessed a stupendous expansion of the Empire, has been marked by commercial development, by wonderful inventions, and by all that can make a people great and free.

Queen Victoria was always a warm friend and the patron of Freemasonry in the Motherland, and was the daughter of the Duke of Kent, who was closely connected with the Craft until the day of his death. As soon as her death was announced, I forwarded the following message to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England:

The Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, hasten to express their heartfelt sorrow at the death of our beloved Queen, and assure His Majesty the King of their loyal devotion.

In due time the following reply was received:

Dear Sir and M. W. Grand Master,—

I have received the commands of the King to ask you to be good enough to convey to the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario His Majesty's thanks for their kind and fraternal expression of sympathy with him in his great sorrow. I have the honor to be, dear sir and Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

THE KING AS PATRON.

We rejoice to know that His Imperial Majesty King Edward VII. has intimated his intention of being the patron of Freemasonry in England, and that in relinquishing the gavel of the Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of the World he has been followed by so worthy a successor as his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who will, I feel assured, fill the position with as much grace, dignity and ability as his illustrious predecessor. I have instructed the Grand Secretary to forward the following message of congratulation on this the day of his installation.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, in session assembled, on behalf of thirty thousand Freemasons and British subjects, congratulates the Mother Grand Lodge of the World on the installation of a worthy successor to the great Craft ruler who has passed from your Grand East to the throne of a united empire.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Master.

I have appointed R. W. Bro. George J. Bennett a representative from our Grand Lodge at the installation of the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. I trust you will be satisfied with my appointment.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is a painful duty to record the death of those who have mingled with us during the past year, and who, as far as we are able to judge, were likely to be blessed with many years of active and useful life; but a Higher Power, and one better able to decide what is best, thought otherwise, and in His wisdom and love took to himself some of our most respected brethren.

I have to report the death of V. W. Bro. H. P. O'Connor, Grand Superintendent of Works, who was accidentally killed by his horse, at Walkerton, Ont., September 15th, 1900. I appointed W. Bro. John Mitchell, of Hanover, to fill the vacancy caused by V. W. Brother O'Connor's death.

V. W. Bro. Robert Higham, Grand Steward, died suddenly in Guelph, on April 25th, 1901. He was universally respected, and was a most enthusiastic member of the Craft.

On April 1st, W. Bro. William Moore, P. M. of St.

John's, 209 A, passed away very suddenly. He was one of the oldest and most respected Masons in our Jurisdiction. He died full of years (82), and was a Past Master over fifty years.

V. W. Bro. Robert Lewis, P. G. S. B., Past Master of Kilwinning, 64, London, died December 15th, 1900, being at his death one of the oldest Past Masters of his Lodge. He was highly esteemed and respected as a man of sterling worth and honesty, and took a lively interest in all matters connected with the Craft as long as his health permitted him to do so.

From Foreign Jurisdictions have been reported the deaths of a number of prominent brethren.

British Columbia reports the death of M. W. Bro. Trounce, Past Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, who died June 30th, 1900. He received the first degrees in 1870, in England, the country of his birth. The following year he emigrated to Vancouver, and soon identified himself with Freemasonry. ,He was elected Grand Master in 1895. As a private citizen he was a man of sterling qualities, and did much for the uplifting of mankind.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island mourns the death of R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker, who for thirty-five years filled the position of its Grand Secretary, with marked ability. He died of paralysis, on May 15th, 1901; aged 64 years.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee reports the death of M. W. Bro. George Hamilton Morgan, Past Grand Master, who died July 27th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Edwin Carlton Blackmore, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Iowa, died at Burlington, Iowa, October 7th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Bowring, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died October 26th, 1900, at his home, in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

M. W. Bro. J. W. H. Watson, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and our representative near that Grand Lodge, died September 25th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Flagler, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, died in the city of New York, October 30th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died at his home on December 17th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. James A. Tulleys, P. G. M. of the Grand

Lodge of Nebraska, died at Red Cloud, Nebraska, January 21st, 1901.

M. W. Bro. John Howard Wayt, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died at Staunton, Virginia, February 13th, 1901.

R. W. Bro. William Reynolds Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, died at his home, in Washington, D. C., February 25th, 1901. I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Singleton on several occasions, and, in common with all those who knew him, regret that his Grand Lodge and the Craft in general should lose such a well-informed brother. His contributions to Masonic literature placed him among the leading writers and thinkers of the Craft.

M. W. Bro. James M. Burridge, Hon. P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died at his home, in Trinity, Alabama, March 13th, 1901.

M. W. Bro. Robert Maxwell Smith, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, was one of the many victims of the awful disaster at Galveston, Texas, on the night of September 8th, 1900. His remains, like those of hundreds of others, were never recovered. From the general sorrow and the many kind notices of his sad death, one cannot but conclude that he must have been a much-respected citizen and of a lovable character.

R. W. Bro. Edward Carroll Parmelee, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died at his home, in Denver, on May 10th, 1901.

M. W. Bro. George Dickerson Golden, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, died at Idaho Falls, May 7th, 1901.

A little over three weeks ago there passed to the Supreme Grand Lodge, in the person of R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, one of the most widely known and best-read Masons of the continent, and one who had on more than one occasion paid this Grand Jurisdiction a fraternal visit, leaving naught but the most pleasant recollections behind. On the 28th of June last he was gathered to his fathers, having attained the patriarchal age of 84 years and five months. He was one of the original pioneers of Iowa, having settled there in 1838, and was Secretary to the First Territorial Governor, and the first Librarian. It was, however, in connection with Craft affairs that he attained the greatest prominence. Bro. Parvin had presided in the

different Grand Bodies with which he was connected, and at the time of his death was in his 56th year as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and also Librarian. Not a few of our brethren had the pleasure of his acquaintance, which ripened into strong personal friendship at each succeeding meeting.

M. W. Bro. Mortimer Nye, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, died of paralysis at his home in that State on July 6th, inst. In civil life M. W. Bro. Nye was honored by his fellow-citizens by being four times elected Mayor of the City of LaPorte, Indiana.

So far as I have been informed, the following deaths of elective Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers have also occurred during the year in our Jurisdiction, viz.: R. W. Bro. Richard Brierley, P. M., The Barton, No. 6, Hamilton, P. D. D. G. M., Hamilton District, No. 8; 22nd October, 1900. R. W. Bro. James Smith, Belleville Lodge, No. 123, P. D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District No. 13; 8th March, 1901. R. W. Bro. B. E. Charlton, The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, P. G. S. W.; 12th March, 1901. R. W. Bro. A. F. Milliken, P. M., Lodge No. 125, Cornwall, P. D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District No. 15; 19th April, 1901. R. W. Bro. W. L. Telford, P. M., Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, P. D. D. G. M. North Huron District No. 5; 13th April, 1901.

VISITS.

I have made a number of visits during the past year. The Brethren everywhere have given me a most loyal and hearty reception, and have lacked nothing in their attentions that the most fastidious or exacting Grand Master might desire. On these visits it was my custom, before partaking of the hospitality of the Banqueting Room, to give a short practical address to the Brethren, directing their attention to matters which seem to me should be more generally observed. The most important points brought out were the qualifications, both mental and physical, of candidates for our ceremonies. The Committee on Character should in every case see the candidate and satisfy themselves, from personal knowledge, respecting his character, his qualifications, and his right to apply to that particular Lodge. Those on the Committee should satisfy themselves that the funds required for admission into the Lodge are not required for the maintenance of the applicant's family. I

also endeavored to impress upon the Brethren that the fact of there being a large number of initiations was no evidence of strength. Quality, not quantity, is what Masonry needs to-day. If a candidate is not likely to be an ornament to the Fraternity, it is better without him.

Oct. 3rd.—Visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia. This was my first visit as Grand Master. The recollection of this meeting is not likely to pass away, as it was one of the most pleasant occasions it has been my good fortune to experience. M. W. Bro. William Gibson came all the way from Beamsville to be with me and to partake of Petrolia Lodge's hospitality.

Oct. 23rd.—Visited Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto. We spent a most delightful evening. The attendance was very large, and many prominent Brethren were present, among them were M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray and John M. Gibson.

Dec. 5th.—Visited Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, G. S. W., and W. Bro. John Higginbottom, P. M., Tuscan Lodge, No. 195.

Dec. 17.—Visited Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, on the occasion of their twenty-first anniversary. R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn read an able paper on the history of the Lodge.

Dec. 21st.—Henderson Lodge, Ilderton, having expressed a wish to have me attend an "At Home," I had much pleasure in complying with their request, and was accompanied by R. W. Bros P. W. D. Brodrick, A. G. McWhinney and W. Bro. J. M. McWhinney, of London.

Dec. 27th.—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the London Lodges in the Lodge-room of Corinthian, No. 330, London East.

Jan. 17th.—I visited Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London, and at the request of the W. M. presented Bro. George B. Sippi, jr., with a certificate of life membership from the Lodge. Bro. Sippi was a member of the first Canadian Contingent who took part in the campaign in South Africa.

Jan. 24th.—I was received in the most hospitable manner by Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, and enjoyed myself most thoroughly. There was a large attendance, considering the inclemency of the weather.

Feb. 15th.—Visited Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Ayl-

mer. It is enough to say that no Lodge has more "confidence" in their ability to make a Grand Master's visit a pleasant one, and his "knowledge" of the fact will remain for some time.

Feb. 18th.—I spent a most delightful evening with St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, in Owen Sound. After a short talk with the brethren in their Lodge-room, we retired to a concert and "At Home" in the Town Hall. Nothing could exceed the kindness of the Brethren of Owen Sound.

March 26th.—Attended a reception of the Craft in Ottawa. This was a most delightful function. At the request of the Lodges of the city of Ottawa, I presented ten members of the Canadian South African Contingent with souvenirs, as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which they were held by their Ottawa Brethren. It afforded me great pleasure to have M. W. Bros. J. V. Ellis, of New Brunswick; Thomas B. Flint and D. C. Fraser, of Nova Scotia, and E. T. Malone, of our own Jurisdiction, on the dais with me; also R. W. Bro. Senator Ross, P. G., Secretary of G. L., Nova Scotia.

April 5th.—I visited Guelph, and attended a Lodge of Instruction held by R. W. Bro. William Cowan, D. D. G. M.. It was a most successful meeting, and the work was performed entirely to my satisfaction.

May 3rd.—I visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock. There was a very large attendance of Brethren, who enjoyed themselves thoroughly. R. W. Bros. A. G. McWhinney, G. S. W., and the Rev. J. C. Farthing, Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. John Higginbottom, of London, accompanied me.

May 10th.—Visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, and received a most hearty welcome from many Masonic friends, with whom it was a pleasure to meet. Again I was accompanied by the Grand Senior Warden, and by V. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, and W. Bro. John Higginbottom, of London.

May 15th.—I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, where everything was done to make my visit enjoyable. The Lodge-room was crowded. King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, knows how to entertain.

June 11th.—I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, and was received with every evidence of fraternal loyalty. During the evening W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.

M., contributed to the evening's pleasure by reading a most interesting history of the Lodge. The banquet afterwards was one of the most pleasant I ever attended.

June 12th.—Union Lodge, No. 380, London, was visited. The W. M., Bro. John Lawson, conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, after which, at his request, I presented W. Bro. R. D. A. Hillier with a P. M. Jewel, as an evidence of the respect in which he is held by his Brethren of Union Lodge.

June 21st.—Accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. G. McWhinney, P. W. D. Brodrick and A. E. Cooper and V. W. Bros. E. T. Essery and J. H Flock, I visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 114, Stratford, and was received in the most loyal and fraternal manner. There was a good attendance. The hospitable Brethren of the Classic City have the happy faculty of making visitors enjoy themselves most thoroughly.

June 27th.—I visited Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester, and installed the officers. The excessive heat was, no doubt, the cause of the limited attendance.

June 30th.—I accompanied the Masons of the city of London to St. Paul's Cathedral, where we listened to an excellent sermon from our Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Farthing. At my request, the Brethren dispensed with Masonic regalia and a band.

July 2nd.—I had the pleasure of visiting the Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London, and at the request of the officers and members of the Lodge, presented R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, P. D. D. G. M., with a beautiful regalia suitable to his rank. It was a well-deserved and fitting recognition of his services to his Lodge and the Craft in the London District.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

On July 11th I had the pleasure of complying with the request of the officials of Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Kincardine Township, by laying the corner stone of their fine new church, with Masonic ceremonies. There was a large attendance, both of the Craft and adherents of the Church. The address of welcome by the pastor, the Rev. Mr McEachern, was a very able one. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. DeWitt H. Martyn and J. H. Scott and a number of Brethren from Kincardine and surrounding districts. Our visit to the County of Bruce will be remembered with pleasure.

"A SIGN OF THE TIMES."

I am pleased to be able to report that during my term of office the utmost harmony and good-feeling have prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. While this condition of affairs is in keeping with the well-known tenets of amity and good-fellowship inculcated by the Craft, it is, nevertheless, an indication that the 30,000 members of the Craft in the Province of Ontario are at peace with themselves and the world, and that contentions and dissensions are exceptions rather than the rule. This must be exceedingly pleasing to all who take an interest in the welfare of Craft Masonry, and I hope and trust that it may long continue, and that in the future the rulers of the Mystic Craft may be enabled, as I am, to record a similar observation. The cases to be laid before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals are few in number. Considering our large membership, the Lodges are to be congratulated on this happy state of affairs.

At the same time, I may be permitted to observe, from casual information which has reached me, that the opening year of the new century, fraught as it is with many matters of special interest in the social world, bids fair to witness, at no distant day, the consummation of ardently-desired action in our sister Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, viz.: the affiliation of the three English Lodges in the city of Montreal with that grand body.

A brief statement of the case in which several Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge have time and again volunteered their services in order to bring about a satisfactory reconciliation, may prove of interest to the Craftsmen of this Jurisdiction at this time. At the institution of the Grand Lodge in 1855, one of the conditions upon which it received recognition from the Grand Lodge of England was that all the English, Irish or Scotch Lodges in the Jurisdiction which desired to continue working under their respective Grand Lodges could do so until, by a voluntary act on the part of their membership, they chose to affiliate with the Canadian organization. Quite a number of the Lodges which were left in this independent position have, during the past twenty years, severed their connection with the old land, but three, viz., St. George's, St. Lawrence, and St. Paul's, of Montreal, have retained their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England,

although thirty years ago the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed. The question of affiliation has been a burning subject in Quebec Masonic circles for years, and a considerable amount of friction has been created thereby; but of late years a great deal of the irritable feeling has passed away, and harmony, fellowship and good-will have largely prevailed. Many efforts have been made to bring about the affiliation of the Montreal Lodges with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. St. Lawrence and St. George's are known to strongly favor such a course, but St. Paul's steadily declined to enter the ranks of Quebec. The officials of the Grand Lodge of England expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied that affiliation would be beneficial, but declined to take any action which would facilitate the movement. They, however, went so far as to say that they would not appoint a representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. Hutton ,the District Master under England, and, practically, there has been no official medium as between the three Lodges remaining on the register of the Grand Lodge of England and the home authorities for the past dozen years. St. Lawrence Lodge has at last taken action. They have passed a resolution to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and asking England to enact the necessary legislation to carry this effort into effect. To this end, a new clause is proposed to be added to the English constitution whereby the procedure of affiliation would be laid down. As this amendment has been proposed by resident members of the Grand Lodge of England, it is not unlikely that it will be immediately considered. Every Craftsman in our Jurisdiction will express the wish that no untoward delay will occur in carrying out to a successful issue the affiliation which has been so many times on a verge of a satisfactory settlement, and still awaits that finality so essential to a harmonious consummation.

RULINGS.

The opinions I have given on the questions submitted are as follows:

That it is illegal to forfeit the deposit with the application for initiation, if the candidate fails to present himself.

That voting in a Lodge by yeas and nays is not permissible.

That Grand Lodge alone can confer Honorary Past rank.

That a District meeting cannot by resolution impose a tax on the Lodges in the dictrict to procure a regalia for a P. D. D. G. M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NAMED.

The following Grand Representatives have been appointed during the year, viz.

Near the G. L. of Mississippi, Bro. V. P. Still, Senatobia, in place of M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Paxton, deceased.

Near the G. L. of North Carolina, W. Bro. S. M. Beasley, Poplar Branch, in place of W. Bro. W. H. Summerell, non-affiliated.

Near the G. L. of Delaware, R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Weeks, Wilmington, in place of M. W. Bro. Jos. W. H. Watson, deceased.

Near the G. L. of Georgia, R. W. Bro. W. A. Wolihin, Macon, in place of R. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, deceased.

Near the G. L. of Italy, R. W. Bro. Ettore Ferrari, Rome, in place of R. W. Bro. Carlo Meyer, deceased.

For the G. L. of Ohio, R. W. Bro. David Burleigh Burch, Lambeth, in place of R. W. Bro. L. G. Jarvis, who left Jurisdiction.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

I have noticed that in many cases the By-laws submitted to me for approval were much too voluminous. Some years ago a model code was prepared by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. This, through changes in the Constitution, has now become obselete, and I therefore suggest that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee to draft a code that will be more condensed and better adapted for the governing of ordinary Lodge meetings than those usually submitted. It would, I think, lead to a more careful study of the Constitution, which is very much to be desired.

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293, JERUSALEM, PALESTINE.

I have declined to approve of certain By-laws sent to me by this Lodge, as I deemed it would be unwise to grant it privileges that would not be granted to any Lodge in this Jurisdiction. While on this subject, a

short sketch of this Lodge's history may not prove uninteresting.

Twenty-eight years ago a few members of the Fraternity residing in Palestine thought it would be advisable to found a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in the ancient city of Jerusalem, as it was supposed to be the cradle of Freemasonry, and that the workmen in the quarries of King Solomon's Temple were the actual predecessors of those who meet to-day in modern Masonic Lodge-rooms. The first thing to be done was to secure a charter. One from the Grand Lodge of England would have been preferred, but the promoters were told that such an application would be rejected. The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland were also approached, but they too declined to entertain the proposal. Not one of these applications, I am assured, was put in writing, for the reason that official rejection from any of the Grand Lodges named would most likely prevent a successful effort elsewhere. Failing in Britain, attempts were made to secure a warrant in the United States, but absolute failure was the result. Even Kentucky, the home of M. W. Bro. Robt. Morris, who was a moving spirit in the efforts to secure a charter for a Lodge at Jerusalem, declined. Bro. Morris had been a true friend of the original Grand Lodge of Canada and its M. W. Grand Master, William Mercer Wilson. It is surmised and believed that the Grand Master knew nothing of the fruitless efforts made in England, Scotland and Ireland, as well as in the United States, to obtain a warrant, for, on February 17th, 1873, a warrant was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson being Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Thomas White, D. G. M., anl R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary. From that time to the present, beyond the fact that we have one of our chartered Lodges in that far-distant country, we have known very little of its workings or methods of conducting the usual business of the Lodge, and have no practical supervision over its affairs; and it is not unreasonable to suppose, in view of this fact, that a careless, slipshod and unconstitutional method of conducting everything in connection with the Lodge has been the result. I have been placed in possession of facts, the most reliable, which convince me that only one course is advisable, as far as this Grand Lodge is concerned, and that is an immediate withdrawal of the charter. By my instructions, the Grand Secre-

tary wrote the W. M. of the Lodge ordering him to forward at once the minute books. It was expected that these would be here before this, but so far the Grand Secretary has not received them.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND MASTER.

The Constitution clearly lays down the proper way for communications to reach the Grand Master so as to prevent any unnecessary correspondence. I am of the opinion that all communications intended for the Grand Master's prompt attention should be sent to the Grand Secretary. That officer can, in most cases, give the information required without waste of time. The Grand Secretary should be in close touch with everything that is occurring in the Jurisdiction. I would impress this fact upon the officers of all our Lodges.

HEALING.

I issued instructions to the D. D. G. M. of London District, No. 3, to administer the "Healing" obligation to Bro. Samuel Molland, a former member of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario. Owing to the absence of the D. D. G. M. I administered the obligation myself at a meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, in August last.

RECONSTRUCTION OF DISTRICTS.

It is nearly ten years since our Jurisdiction was divided into districts as at present constituted. During that time many new Lodges have been instituted, which has materially added to the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The distances some of them have to travel in order to visit and inspect the Lodges are much too great, and call for an expenditure of time and money out of all proportion to the results accomplishel. I am of the opinion that the time has arrived when it would be advisable to have a reconstruction of the districts or, at least, to add two or three in the northern portions of the Province. Ottawa District, 16; Algoma, 17, and Nipissing, 18, might be subdivided with great advantage to the Lodges.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

I am pleased to place on record the continued prosperity and usefulness of this admirable Association.

Since its organization, in 1885, it has been the means of detecting about 2,900 impostors. It has enabled Lodges and Masonic Boards of Relief to contribute more generously to deserving memers of the Craft. As its President and your Grand Master, I strongly recommend our continued affiliation with it.

THE GALVESTON, TEXAS, DISASTER.

On the 8th September last, the city of Galveston, Texas, was devastated by a furious storm. Thousands were killed and many others rendered homeless and destitute. I considered the occasion one that called for some measure of assistance from our Grand Lodge, and upon consultation with the Deputy Grand Master and others, forwarded a cheque for Five Hundred Dollars. I confidently appeal to Grand Lodge to approve of my action in the matter.

THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. NORTH STAR LODGE, 322, AND ST. GEORGE LODGE, 367.

Complaints have been laid before me of invasion by the Lodges above-named of the Jurisdiction of the G. L. of British Columbia. I appointed a commission to enquire into the complaint against St. George Lodge. Their report and the papers in both matters will be laid before the Board of General Purposes. I do not think there is likely to be a repetition of the matters complained of by the M. W. the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

INTER-FRATERNAL SYMPATHY.

The fraternal and kindly reference to the death of our beloved Queen by members of the Craft in several Jurisdictions in the United States is a strong indication of the good feeling existing between the Freemasons of that country and those of the Empire. The following letter, from R. W. Bro. J. S. Conover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, explaining the action of that Grand Lodge, will be listened to with pleasure:

Coldwater, Jan. 25th, 1901.

J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Canada, Hamilton, Ontario:

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,—

At the Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Michigan, held at Detroit, January

22nd and 23rd, 1901, the following resolution, offered by Bro. Rev. Henry Hughes, was unanimously adopted

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan:

"One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin."

Whereas, by the death of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, the King of Kings has called from this earthly sphere a woman of exalted virtues and of blessed and glorious memory; and

Whereas, the Brethren of our sister Grand Lodges of Canada and England are to-day mourning the demise of their dear and well-beloved Sovereign Earthly Ruler; and

Whereas, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and now, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, is in great affliction, through the loss of his beloved mother; therefore,

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, U. S. A,. acknowledging the will of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, and deeply realizing that the ties of fraternal love and friendship hold us in bonds of loving union with our afflicted Brethren, hereby extends most affectionate greeting and heartfelt sympathy to our Brethren of the Grand Lodges of Canada and England, and to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and prays that the God and Father of us all may, of His great mercy and loving-kindness, comfort their souls and speak peace to their hearts, and, giving them grace to say "Father, Thy will be done," may fill them all with an earnest longing and an ardent desire to emulate the good life and practice the noble virtues of their honored, beloved and illustrious dead;

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Grand Secretaries of these sister Grand Jurisdictions.

In the bonds of our great Fraternity, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
Grand Secretary.

With such sentiments as expressed in this communication and such feelings of amity and fraternal regard as we know exist in our own Jurisdiction toward the Grand Lodge of Michigan, our close neighbor and good friend, it would be difficult to imagine any event occurring between our Grand Lodges that would cause our relationship to be anything but the most pleasant.

Since my arrival at Grand Lodge, the proceedings of

the Grand Lodge of New York, held May 7th, 1901, have been handed to me by the representative of that Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and I gladly reproduce the report of the Special Committee on this sad event, of which committee our M. W. Brother, William A. Sutherland, who is present with us to-day, was the Chairman:

The undersigned, the special committee appointed to prepare and report to the Grand Lodge an expression of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge upon the death of Victoria, the late Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and the accession of Edward VII., late Grand Master of English Freemasons, to the throne, and the election and installation of the Duke of Connaught as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, present the following and recommend its adoption

With the Grand Lodge of England we hold peculiar relation. Erected into a Grand Lodge by the direct act of the Grand Lodge of England, authenticated by its charter bearing date September 5, 1781, our territorial jurisdiction having been once honored by an actual session of an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of England; to wit, on the 21st day of February, 1782, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State if New York rightfully looks upon the Grand Lodge of England as its mother Grand Lodge. Proud of our relationship, we rejoice in her prosperity and deeply sympathise with her every sorrow. By the death of Britain's Queen the Grand Lodge of New York is touched almost as closely as is the Grand Lodge of England. We remember that while it was the Duke of Athol who, in 1781, as Grand Master, subscribed the charter creating this Grand Lodge, there was, nevertheless, but one Grand Master intervening between him and the Most Worshipful the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria. We recall that at the time the Grand Lodge of England ("Ancients") chartered this Grand Lodge, the then Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., the uncle of her late Majesty, was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge styled "Moderns." We remember that His Grace the Duke of Sussex, an uncle of Victoria and brother of the Duke of Kent, became Grand Master of the "Moderns" in 1813, and His Grace the Duke of Kent accepted the Grand Mastership of the "Ancients" in the same year, for the expressed purpose of joining with his brother in accomplishing the union of the two Grand Lodges into the present, the United Grand Lodge of England; and that upon motion of the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Sussex was elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, continuing as such from 1813 to 1842. We recall with liveliest satisfaction that in 1874, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of the Sovereign, accepted the gavel of our mother Grand Lodge, and held the same with such great distinction for a quarter of a century.

We observe also with great pleasure that when, upon the death of the Queen, her eldest son ascended the throne as Edward VII., and the cares of State, as well as the custom of the Craft, made needful his retirement from the Grand Master's chair, another son of this most illustrious mother, the Duke of Connaught, has been chosen and now is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Masons. The death of one who was the daughter of one Grand Master, the niece of two and the mother of two, cannot fail to touch closely the heart of every Freemason. But she who was England's Queen was also a queen in the hearts of all good men of every kindred and every tongue. The nobility of her womanly character secured her enthronement in the affections of the people of every nation. Joining with all other good and impartial citizens of this republic in genuine sorrow at the loss of the British Empire in the death of the Queen, we, as Freemasons, wish to extend a handclasp of our brethren beyond the sea and assure them of our most fraternal regard and our deep and abiding sympathy.

At the same time we extend our felicitations to the Grand Lodge of England in that it has been enabled in so unmistakable a manner to acquaint the world with the high qualities and rare qualifications of him who is now the King. Not only has he stood in the public gaze as the heir-apparent to the throne, and therefore subject to the severe tests accompanying so trying a position; not only has he borne himself as first subject of the realm with such rare dignity, tact, and good judgment as to inspire the confidence of the civilized world; but as the actual head and Grand Master of English Freemasons he has so sturdily and yet so gently held the gavel of authority; he has so steadily and yet so kindly ruled the Craft; he so promptly and so beautifully admonished the Craft by the resolutions which he proposed to the Grand Lodge of England relative to the attack upon the Bible made by the late Grand Master of Peru, Christian Dam; he has so graciously and so impressively officiated at Masonic functions; and has so judiciously and benignantly guided the Craft of his jurisdiction as to command the respect, the admiration, the genuine esteem and affectionate regard of the Freemasons of every jurisdiction. English Freemasons may well be proud of the Grand Master that was, and the Sovereign that is.

Sharing in the grief which, by the death of the Queen, January 22, 1901, fell upon all Freemasons owing allegiance to the British Empire, and with genuine admiration for the son of that mother, who, by his ability as the ruler of the Craft, has demonstrated his fitness to be ruler of the nation, we extend to the Grand Lodge of England our sympathy in its bereavement, our fondest hopes for its continued prosperity, and our felicitation that its fortunes have been so closely entwined with those of that family of which Victoria was so illustrious a member.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is,

instructed to communicate this action of the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of England.

Fraternally submitted

WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND,
GEORGE HAYES,
PETER ROSS,

Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has made the following special report to me:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was formally organized at Perth, on October 11th, 1899. All the proceedings appear to have been regularly taken and with substantial unanimity in the English Lodges, 33 out of 34 joining in the movement. The Grand Master is His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, K. C. M. G., the Governor of the Colony, a Past Grand Warden of England and District Grand Master under the English Constitution. The new body has been recognized by all the other Australian Grand Lodges and by England and Ireland. It is recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico requests an exchange of representatives, and it is recommended that the request be granted. This Grand Lodge was formed in 1885, and has now eleven Lodges, all working the York rite. The Grand Master is Carlos B. Meltz, and the Grand Secretary is Federico Yumen, with headquarters at San Juan.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was formed in December, 1899, by three lodges out of the four in the Republic. We are without sufficient definite information regarding this new Body, and it is recommended that the committee have further time to report.

It is also recommended that the question of the recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico be deferred for the present.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, P. G. M.,
Chairman.

I concur in and recommend the adoption of the Committee's report.

TRIBUTES TO GRAND OFFICERS.

I must not omit to express the pleasure I have in stating that all matters in connection with the office of the Grand Secretary (M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason) have been

conducted entirely to my satisfaction. His serious illness at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, and for many weeks afterwards, was a source of great alarm to his warm and sincere Masonic friends. I felt that a complete rest from all mental and physical worry would materially assist in the restoration of his usual health. Full arrangements were made, so that during his absence from his office the correspondence and all routine work was regularly carried on. I know we are all delighted to see him in his accustomed place again, and hope from the bottom of our hearts he may long be spared to be the able and capable adviser of many future Grand Masters. I thank him most gratefully for the able counsel and attention given me during the past year.

I desire also to tender my warmest thanks to the Past Grand Masters, who have at all times been most ready to assist with counsel and advice.

The Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, has, it is needless to say, kept a faithful watch over the funds of Grand Lodge. His report will be a most satisfactory one, and I feel sure Grand Lodge will be gratified at the evidences of our continued prosperity. You will notice by his report that the receipts are over $1,000 in advance of last year, and are the largest in the history of Grand Lodge. Our invested funds amount to $98,348.61.

I wish to draw attention to the very faithful services rendered to me by the District Deputy Grand Masters. They, one and all, have been untiring in the performance of their arduous duties. I thank them most heartily for the good work they have performed. Our system of visitation by these representatives of the Grand Master is so thoroughly beneficial and so excellently performed by these Brethren as to call forth the warmest commendation of the leading sister Grand Lodges on the Continent. I need not add anything further to work which is so universally commended.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

It gives me pleasure to report that our relations with all foreign Grand Lodges are of the most amicable character. There is no cloud on our horizon; nor need there be so long as we are prompted in all our dealings by a spirit of justice, expecting and asking from others neither more nor less than what is our "just dues." The work Freemasonry is doing is open to the criticism of

all those who care to investigate. It is the bulwark of liberty and religious freedom, against which ignorance, intolerance, creed or class are powerless to make an impression.

CONCLUSION.

I return my grateful thanks to the Craft in this Jurisdiction for the honor conferred on me a year ago. I have endeavored to do my duty as my judgment prompted me. I have neglected nothing that demanded my immediate attention, and if I have even in a slight measure merited your approbation, I have been abundantly rewarded by the kindness and fraternal courtesy of my Brethren.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Annual Communication at Hamilton, 17th July, 1901.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Brethren,

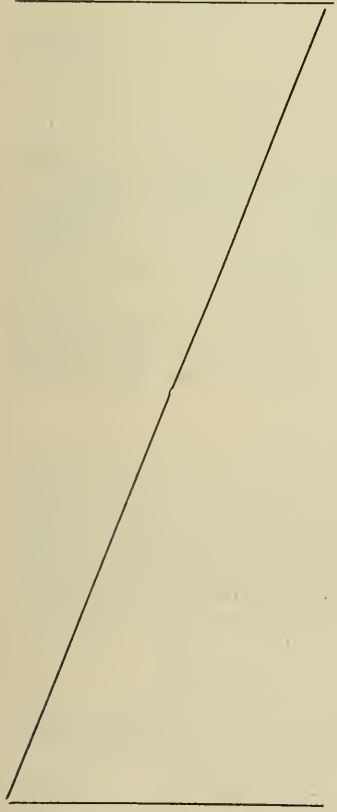
I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditure made, with return of subordinate lodges as at 24th June, 1901, and ledger balances, as at tbe 31st May, 1901, together with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from the 1st June, 1900, to the 31st May, 1901, have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Certificates	$ 3,662 00
Dues	13,132 50
Fees	2,014 75
Dispensations	214 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions & Ceremonies	530 50
Commutations of dues	400 00
Past Master's Certificates	12 00
Miscellaneous	34 50
General Fund Interest	3,039 63
Asylum Fund Interest	410 00



Carried forward.... $23,499.88

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$2,000 00
Salary of Grand Secretary's Assistant	800 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer, three quarters	150 00
Salary of Stenographer	300 00
Masonic Relief Association Subscription	110 00
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, balance of travelling expenses	250 00
McPherson & Drope, printing	519 50
Expenses of Benevolence Investigation	473 95
The Spectator Printing Co., sundry printing	1,293 01
Balance of Incidentals to 31st May, 1900	221 19
The Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals	500 00
Expenses of Board of General Purposes.	847 15
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery	70 71
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates, etc	456 15
The Alexander Cable Co., certificates.etc	13 11
Bag for Grand Master's Regalia	10 00
Refund to Ionic Lodge No. 25	20 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	300 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Expenses Meeting of Grand Lodge at London	230 75
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.	50 00
Entertainment of Visitors	50 90

Carried forward.... $8,766 42

Brought forward ..	$23,499 88	*Brought forward* ..	$8,766 42
		Expenses Investigation G. L. of B. C. vs. St. George's Lodge 367.....	59 00
		Expenses Delivering "History of Freemasonry"	57 73
		M. W Bro. J. Ross Robertson, for copies of "History of Freemasonry" ...	397 50
		Insurance on Grand Lodge Regalia ...	17 50
		Testimonial to the Grand Secretary..	500 00
		Orders on the Fund of Benevolence...	11,840 00
Total	$23,499 88	Total	$21,638 15



ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows :

On the 8th September, 1900, at Sault Ste. Marie, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Anglican), R. W. Bro. W. R. Hearst, P. D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 11th July, 1901, at Kincardine Township, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of "Chalmer's" Presbyterian Church, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Master officiating.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the halls of the following lodges were dedicated for Craft purposes:

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, by R. W. Bro. G. W. Liddle, D. D. G. M ; Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, P. G. M. ; Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg, by R. W. Bro. N. A. Bonesteel, D. D. G. M.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master the following dispensations for new lodges were issued :

1901, Feb. 19th.....Zenophon Lodge, Wheatley, Erie District, No. 1.

1901, April 2nd.....Dundalk Lodge, Dundalk, Georgian District, No. 9.
1901, May 2nd.....Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ottawa District, No. 16.
1901, June 25th.....Somerville Lodge, Kinmount. Ontario District. No. 12.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, the M. W. the Grand Master has made the following appointments, namely :

R. W. Bro. V. P. Still, of Senatobia, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in place of M. W. Bro. W. G. Paxton, deceased.

R. W. Bro. S. M. Beasley, of Poplar Branch, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in place of R. W. Bro. W. H. Summerell, non-affiliated.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Weeks, of Wilmington, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Delaware, in place of M. W. Bro. J. W. H. Watson, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Ettore Ferrari, of Rome, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Italy, in place of R. W. Bro. Carlo Meyer, deceased.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Master, the following appointment has been made :

R. W. Bro. David B. Burch, London, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in place of R. W. Bro. L. G. Jarvis, deceased.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W., the Grand Master, has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz :

1900.
July 23rd....Trent Lodge.....No. 38, Trenton.
Aug. 16th....Northern Light Lodge.... " 93, Kincardine.
Nov. 10th....Windsor Lodge " 403, Windsor.
Nov. 17th....Sturgeon Falls Lodge " 447, Sturgeon Falls.
1901.
Feb. 24th ...Union Lodge " 380, London.
April 1st.....Mississippi Lodge..... " 147, Almonte.

The Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1900.
July 31st....Simcoe Lodge.....No. 79, Bradford.
Oct. 23rd....Wentworth Lodge..... " 166, Stoney Creek.

Dec.	12th	Harmony Lodge	No. 438, Toronto.
Dec.	15th	Highgate Lodge	" 336, Highgate.
Dec.	18th	Cedar Lodge	" 396, Wiarton.
Dec.	18th	St. John's Lodge.	" 68, Ingersoll.
Dec.	29th	Lorne Lodge	" 379, Omemee.
1901.			
Jan.	7th	Burns Lodge	" 436, Hepworth.
Jan.	14th	Civil Service Lodge	" 148, Ottawa.
Jan.	25th	Vienna Lodge	" 237, Vienna.
Jan.	26th	Lebanon Forest Lodge	" 133, Exeter.
Feb.	14th	Wellington Lodge	" 46. Chatham
Feb.	15th	Sturgeon Falls Lodge	" 447, Sturgeon Falls.
Feb.	20th	Granite Lodge	" 446, Fort Frances.
Feb.	22nd	The Builders' Lodge	" 177, Ottawa.
Mar.	6th	Frederick Lodge	" 217, Delhi.
Mar.	6th	Kilwinning Lodge	" 64, London.
1901.			
April	13th	Mt. Olivet Lodge	" 300, Thorndale.
April	13th	Vittoria Lodge	" 359, Vittoria.
April	24th	Kerr Lodge	" 230, Barrie.
April	26th	Cornwall Lodge	" 125, Cornwall.
April	26th	Lancaster Lodge	" 207, Lancaster.
April	26th	Middlesex Lodge	" 379, Bryanston.
May	15th	Kilwinning Lodge	" 64, London.
May	21st	Tuscan Lodge	" 437, Sarnia.
May	24th	St. George Lodge	" 367, Toronto.
May	24th	Salem Lodge	" 368, Brockville.
June	10th	Manito Lodge	" 90, Collingwood.
June	10th	Waverley Lodge	" 361, Guelph.
June	17th	Doric Lodge	" 58, Ottawa.
July	8th	Wilmot Lodge	" 318, Baden.
July	10th	St. John's Lodge	" 82, Paris.

DISPENSATIONS.

By instruction from the M. W., the Grand Master, I have issued the following dispensations, viz. :

DISPENSATIONS.

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	For What Granted.
July 10, 1900..	336	Highgate	Highgate	Jubilee Anniversary.
" 14, " ..	405	Mattawa	Mattawa	To Install.
Aug. 18, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Attend Decoration Service.
Oct. 24, " ..	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	" Attend Divine Service.
" 31, " ..	361	Waverley	Guelph	" Attend an "At Home."
Nov. 19, " ..	367	St. George's	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 20, " ..	178	Plattsville	Plattsvllle	" Install.
" 20, " ..	237	Vienna	Vienna	" Confer out of Jurisdiction.
Dec. 6, " ..	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	" Attend Divine Service.
" 6, " ..	75	St. John's	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 7, " ..	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 8, " ..	388	Henderson	Ilderton	" Attend an "At Home."
" 8, " ..	79	Simcoe	Bradford	" Elect.
" 10, " ..	146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	" Install.
" 11, " ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 14, " ..	7	Union	Grimsby	" Attend Divine Service.
" 14, " ..	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 17, " ..	106	Burford	Burford	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 18, " ..	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	" Install.
" 22, " ..	423	Strong	Sundridge	" Install.
" 22, " ..	356	River Park	Streetsville	" Install.
" 24, " ..	147	Mississippi	Almonte	" Attend an "At Home.'
" 26, " ..	33	Maitland	Goderich	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS—*Continued.*

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	For What Granted.
Dec. 29, 1900..	127	Franck	Frankford	To Install.
" 31, " ..	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	" Install.
Jan'y 1, 1901..	364	Dufferin	Melbourne	" Install.
" 1, " ..	424	Doric	Pickering,	" Install.
" 2, " ..	185	Enniskilllen	York	" Install.
" 4 " ..	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	" Hold a Ball.
" 5, " ..	147	Mississippi	Almonte,	" Install.
" 7, " ..	434	Algonquin	Emsdale.	" Install.
" 14, " .	90	Manito	Collingwood	" Hold an "At Home."
" 18, " ..	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Hold "At Home."
" 22, " ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Hold "At Home."
" 23, " ..	201	Leeds	Gananoque	" Install.
" 22, " ..	242	Macoy	Mallorytown	" Install.
" 24, " ..	311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	" Install.
" 28, " ..	383	Henderson	W. Winchester.	" Attend Church.
" 29, " ..	287	Shuniah	Pt. Arthur	" Attend Divine Service.
" 31, " ..	442	Dyment	Thessalon	" Hold Assembly.
" 31, " ..	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	" Attend Divine Service.
" 31, " ..	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	" Attend Divine Service.
" 31, " ..	62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	" Attend Divine Service.
" 31, " ..	165	Burlington	Burlington	" Attend Divine Service.
Feb'y 1, " ..	143	Fridiely Bros.	Iroquois	" Attend Divine Service.
" 1, " ..	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	" Attend Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—*Continued.*

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	For What Granted.
" 7, " ..	347	Mercer	Fegus	To Attend an "At Home."
" 7, " ..	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	" Attend an "At Home."
" 7, " ..	387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	" Install.
" 11, " ..	21A	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	" Install.
" 11, " ..	384	Alpha	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 14, " ..	421	Scott	Grand Valley	" Attend an "At Home."
Mar. 8, " ..	136	Richardson	Stouffville	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
Mar. 20, 1901 ..	231	Fidelity	Ottawa	To Attend an "At Home."
May 10, " ..	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 30, " ..	400	Oakville	Oakville	" Attend Divine Service.
June 6, " ..	157	Simpson	Newboro'	" Elect.
" 7, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Attend Divine Service.
" 7, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Attend a Social.
" 7, " ..	343	Georgina	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 10, " ..	201	Leeds	Gananoque	" Attend Divine Service.
" 12, " ..	143	Friendly Bros	Iroquois	" Attend Divine Service.
" 13, " ..	108	Blenheim	Princeton	" Install.
" 18, " ..	75	St. John's	Toronto	" Install.
" 15, " ..	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	" Attend Divine Service.
" 13, " ..	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	" Attend Divine Service.
" 17, " ..	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	" Attend Divine Service.
" 19, " ..	263	Forest	Forest	" Attend Divine Service.
" 19, " ..	129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	" Attend Divide Service.

DISPENSATIONS—*Continued.*

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	For What Granted.
" 21, 1901..	135	St. Clair.	Milton.....	To Attend Divine Service.
" 22, " ..	382	Doric	Hamilton.....	" Install.
" 22, " ..	258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	" Install.
" 22, " ..	6	The Barton.	Hamilton.....	" Install.
" 24, " ..	332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	" Install.
" 24, " ..	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	" Attend an "At Home."
July 8, " ..	345	Nilestown	Nilestown	" Install.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

HAMILTON, July 13th, 1901.

Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 17th July, 1901.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1901.

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 1st June, 1900, was		$11,486 88
During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary		23,499 88
		$34,986 76
The expenditure during the year for General Purposes was	$ 9,798 15	
For Benevolence	11,840 00	
		$21,638 15
Balance in the Bank on the 3rd June, 1901		$13,348 61

In the expenditure for Benevolence is included the sum of $500.00 grant to the sufferers of Galveston, Texas.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH MURRAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

1900.	
June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet	$80,405 13
1901.	
June 3—From Grand Secretary during the year	23,089 88
	$103,495 01

1900. DISBURSEMENTS.

June 30	—Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date	$ 200 00
" 30	—Stenographer, salary to date	75 00
" 30	—General Masonic Relief Association, subscription (annual)	110 00
" 30	—Grand Secretary, salary to date	500 00
" 30	—E. T. Malone, Grand Master, travelling expenses	250 00
" 30	—McPherson & Drope, printing, on account	150 00
Aug. 31	—J. B. Nixon, re Benevolent investigation.	200 00
" 31	—McPherson & Drope, printing, balance	369 50
" 31	—The Spectator Printing Co., printing	293 01
" 31	—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	500 00
" 31	—Grand Secretary, bal. incidental expenses	221 19
" 31	—Expenses Board of General Purposes	847 15
" 31	—J. B. Nixon, attending Benevolent Com	26 00
" 31	—J. Eastwood & Co., stationery	70 71
" 31	—The Copp, Clark Co., for certificates	456 15
" 31	—Henry Robertson, foreign correspondence	100 00
" 31	—Expenses meeting of Grand Lodge at London	230 75
" 31	—R. B. Hungerford, bag for G.M.'s regalia	10 00
" 31	—Premium on G. Sec's guarantee bond	50 00
" 31	—Entertainment of visitors	50 90
" 31	—W. M. of Ionic Lodge, 25, Toronto, refund	20 00
" 31	—J. B. Nixon, acct. benevolent investigation	100 00
Sept. 30	—Grand Treasurer, salary to date	50 00
" 30	—J. B. Nixon, acct. benevolent investigation	100 00
" 30	—Assistant to G. Secretary, salary to date	200 00
" 30	—Grand Secretary, salary to date	500 00
" 30	—Stenographer, salary to date	75 00
Oct. 31	—J. B. Nixon, balance expenses re benevolent investigation	47 95
Dec. 31	—Stenographer, salary to date	75 00
" 31	—Grand Secretary, salary to date	500 00
" 31	—Grand Treasurer, salary to date	50 00
" 31	—Assistant to G. Secretary, salary to date	200 00
" 31	—P. W. Ellis & Co., testimonial to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	300 00
" 31	—The Spectator Printing Co., acct. printing	1,000 00
1901.		
Jan. 31	—J. C. Hegler, expenses investigating St. George Lodge, No. 367	20 00
" 31	—J. H. Burritt, do do	33 50
" 31	—A. T. Freed, do do	5 50
" 31	—Toronto News Co., delivery "History of Freemasonry"	57 73
" 31	—J. Ross Robertson, "History of Freemasonry"	397 50
" 31	—Alexander & Cable Lith Co., certificates	13 11

1901.		
Mar. 31—Grand Secretary, salary to date	500	00
" 31—Stenographer, salary to date	75	00
" 31—Assistant to G. Secretary, salary to date	200	00
" 31—Grand Treasurer, salary to date	50	00
May 31—Manchester Insurance Co., renewal insurance on regalia	17	50
" 31—Testimonial to Grand Secretary	500	00
" 31—Benevolent orders as per list	11,840	00
" 31—Balance as per balance sheet	81,856	86
	$103,495	01

STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

1900.		
June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet	$16,081	75
1901.		
June 3—By Grand Secretary, interest proportion of	410	00
	$16,491	75

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount at the credit of the General Fund and the Asylum Fund, respectively, on the 3rd June, 1901, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest.

All the debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Balance Sheet, May 31st, 1901.

Debentures—		
Brockville Debentures, face value....at 4 per cent.	$3,000	00
Woodstock Debentures, face value....at 6 per cent.	7,000	00
Canada Central Loan & Savings Co...at 4 per cent.	15,000	00
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co..at 4 per cent.	10,000	00
Can. Permanent Loan & Savings Co..at 4 per cent.	10,000	00
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....at 4¼ per ct.	10,000	00
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....at 4 per cent.	5,000	00
Canada Savings & Loan Co.....at 4 per cent.	5,000	00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....at 4 per cent.	5,000	00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co.....at 4 per cent.	15,000	00
	$85,000	00
Current Account—		
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	13,348	61
	$98,348	61

General Fund	$81,856 86
Asylum Fund	16,491 75
	$98,348 61

We hereby certify that the Debentures named and set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping, and that the above-mentioned balance, $13,348.61 was at the credit of the Current Account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the third day of June, 1901.

D. B. DEWAR, *Manager.*
HUGH POLSON, *Accountant.*

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June	1900.	
30	Mrs. Thos. W. Clegg	$40 00
30	Mrs. W. E. Johnson	10 00
30	Mrs. Hy. Allen	10 00
30	Mrs. H. L. Kifner	20 00
July.		
31	Miss Mary H. Harris	18 75
31	Mrs. W. M. Wilson	37 50
31	Geo. Hy. Bailie	15 00
August.		
31	Mrs. P. Patterson	10 00
31	Mrs. Robt. Hassard	25 00
31	Mrs. T. D. Harington	37 50
31	Bro. I. L. Dixon	25 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Jolley	20 00
31	Bro. Wm. Helm	25 00
31	Bro. Sam'l Dunsmore	50 00
31	Mrs. John Mander	20 00
31	Mrs. G. C. Longley	20 00
31	Mrs. John Hodgson	20 00
31	Bro. P. Meyers	50 00
31	Bro. F. P. Gassion	50 00
31	Mrs. Geo. Christie	15 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Allen	10 00
31	Mrs. Jos. Wetherall	10 00
31	Bro. R. C. Wright	25 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Ponton	20 00
31	Children of R. P. Fidler	25 00
31	Mrs. W. H. Karn	15 00
31	Mrs. Chas. Graham	15 00
31	Mrs. J. A. Scott	25 00
31	Mrs. W. J. Smythe	15 00
31	Mrs. Hy. Jones	10 00
31	Mrs. Lionel Yorke	20 00
31	Mrs. A. C. Inwood	10 00
31	Mrs. Alfred Wilson	15 00
August	1900.	
31	Mrs. Thos. H. Watson	10 00
31	Mrs. Geo. B. Gray	15 00
31	Mrs. Jas. W. Crate	25 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Parker	20 00
31	Mrs. J. T. Gurnett	20 00
31	Mrs. Jacob LeClear	10 00
31	Mrs. E. Wasell	15 00
31	Bro. W. Hawthorne	25 00
31	Mrs. E. C. Morehouse	10 00
31	Mrs. H. Canning	20 00
31	Mrs. Thos. Vesey	20 00
31	Mrs. Jos. Boyle	10 00
31	Mrs. Jns. C. Williams	25 00
31	Bro. Wm. Campbell	50 00
31	Mrs. Robt. A. Kirby	10 00
31	Mrs. W. F. Southcott	15 00
31	Dau. of W. Wilkinson	20 00
31	Bro. Arch. Couper	25 00
31	Mrs. C. E. S. Black	10 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Marriott	10 00
31	Bro. Gustave Witte	20 00
31	Chas. Scarborough	25 00
31	Mrs. John Wills	20 00
31	Miss Mary Wilson	75 00
31	Children of Samuel Phoenix	15 00
31	Bro. F. Mudge	50 00
31	Bro. F. Devereaux	25 00
31	Mrs. J. R. L. Smith	15 00
31	Mother of J. B. Cummings	40 00
31	Mrs. Thos. Fraser	15 00
31	Mrs. Mat. Hammill	20 00
31	Mrs. John Jackson	25 00
31	Bro. Sam'l Dunsmore	50 00
31	Mrs. W. M. Widgery	20 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

August 1900.		
31	Mrs. A. Carey.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Henry Hall....	15 00
31	Mrs. Peter McArthur	25 00
31	Bro. Henry Bell	50 00
31	Mrs. J. E. Edwards .	10 00
31	Mrs. R. Flood	20 00
31	Mrs. Geo. T. Porter.	10 00
31	Mrs. M. F. Haney...	15 00
31	Mrs. E. K. Bowen ..	15 00
31	Bro. John Chaseley .	50 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Miller.....	25 00
31	Dau. of John Dean..	25 00
31	Mrs. John Munroe...	10 00
31	Mrs. Hugh McNamee	20 00
31	Bro. L. W. Whitney.	50 00
31	Bro. W. W. Cameron	50 00
31	Mrs. McKee Codklin	25 00
31	Mrs. Geo. W. Shields	15 00
31	Bro. W. C. Cliff.....	50 00
31	Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe...	10 00
31	Bro. Walter Hume..	25 00
31	Mrs. A. R Paul	20 00
31	Mrs. J. T. Jones....	40 00
31	Mrs. J. W. McDonald	20 00
31	Mrs. Thos. J. Benbow	10 00
31	Mrs. David Small...	20 00
31	Bro. Jas. C. Wilson..	50 00
31	Mrs. Jos. Middleton.	10 00
31	Mrs. John Weir.....	10 00
31	Mrs. G. Macfarlane.	20 00
31	Mrs. T. D. Stethem.	10 00
31	Bro. F. R. Wood....	50 00
31	Mrs. Geo. Goslee....	5 00
31	Mrs. John Rowe....	20 00
31	Mrs. B. H. Eckert...	20 00
31	Mrs. W. B. Wallance	10 00
31	Bro. David McNabb	25 00
31	Mrs. Wm. E. Kemp.	10 00
31	Mrs. Jos. Chapman..	10 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Whitters..	10 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Mills.....	10 00
31	Mrs. S. M. Davis....	20 00
31	Mrs. N. H. Smith...	15 00
31	Mrs. A. Kellock.....	25 00
31	Mrs. Thos. G. Shaw.	10 00
31	Mrs. W. B. Simpson.	25 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Perry....	20 00
31	Bro. Peter Brown...	50 00
31	Mrs. Alex. J. Short..	20 00
31	Mrs. W. F. Hunter..	40 00
31	Dau. of Wm. Kerr..	10 00
31	Bro. J. Richmond...	25 00

August 1900.		
31	Bro. J. Blackburn...	50 00
31	Mrs. Adam Petrie ..	10 00
31	Mrs. D. Robertson ..	10 00
31	Bro. T. H. Butler...	50 00
31	Mrs. Robt. White...	10 00
51	Bro. R. L. Smith ...	25 00
31	Mrs. W. Sharp	10 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Young....	10 00
31	Mrs. W. J. Arneil...	20 00
31	Mrs. Jno. Williams .	10 00
31	Mrs. Alex. Miller...	20 00
31	Mrs. E. Cherry	10 00
31	Mrs. T. Richardson.	10 00
31	Mrs. R. C. Carter...	15 00
31	Mrs. Wm. Ramsay..	20 00
31	Sister of W. Corrigal	25 00
31	Mrs. Andrew Milne.	15 00
31	Mrs. R. Hill.....	20 00
31	R. H. Wright	20 00
31	Bro. John Findlay..	25 00
31	Mrs. R. A. Page....	20 00
31	Mrs. F. Brown	10 00
31	Mrs. John Hicks....	20 00
31	Mrs. R. F. Harrison	15 00
31	Sist'r of J. McPherson	10 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Fitton	10 00
31	Mrs. E. Saunders...	15 00
31	Dau. of T. Lockerty.	20 00
31	Mrs. A. E. Baker...	20 00
31	Mrs. J. S. Baker....	10 00
31	Mrs. Alex. S. McIntyre.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Jas. C. Bogart.	10 00
31	Bro. Alex. Patterson	25 00
31	Mrs. Hugh Hinds...	20 00
31	Mrs. Rich. Radcliffe	15 00
31	Bro. Thos. Omand..	50 00
31	Mrs. Stephen Townsend	20 00
31	Mrs. Jno. G. Jorgenson	10 00
31	Mrs. T. McC. Lawrence	10 00
31	Mrs. S. H. Blondheim	10 00
31	Mrs. H. Etherington	40 00
31	Mrs. David Gardder	10 00
31	Mrs. G. H. Bailie...	25 00
31	Mrs. D. L. Conroy..	10 00
31	Mrs J. A. McInnes..	10 00
31	Bro. Alex. Findley..	50 00
31	Mrs. John Abbott...	20 00
31	Mrs. C. Allens.....	10 00

BENOVOLENCE—*Continued.*

August 1900.
31 Mrs. W.H Holmwood 20 00
31 Bro. R. H. Green... 50 00
31 Daughter of Stephen Smith 20 00
31 Mrs. Anthony Davy. 10 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Brock... 10 00
September.
30 Mrs. Wm. Ross..... 20 00
30 Mrs. Geo. Cockburn. 20 00
30 Mrs. E. Kester..... 10 00
30 Mrs. R. Phillips..... 15 00
30 Mrs. Jas. L. Young. 10 00
30 Daughter of Sir R. H. Bonnycastle... 20 00
30 Mrs. Edmund Hill.. 20 00
30 Bro. Jas. Bowman.. 50 00
31 Mrs. P. R. Davy.... 15 00
30 Mrs. Hugh Rankin.. 20 00
30 Bro. John Mills..... 50 00
30 Mrs. Thos. S. Agar. 40 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Tripp.... 15 00
30 Mrs. A.B. de Pendry 50 00
30 Mrs. Robt. Gibson . 10 00
30 Bro. W. McC. Carl.. 50 00
30 Bro. Alex. Bain..... 25 00
30 Bro. John C. Scott.. 50 00
30 Orphans of John R. Steel 20 00
30 Orphans of A. F. Murdock..... 15 00
30 Mrs. John Polley.... 25 00
30 Mrs. J. McGibbeny . 20 00
30 Mrs. John Harvey... 10 00
30 Mrs Chas. Bennett.. 20 00
30 Mrs. P. Caughill.... 20 00
30 Mrs. Levy Neill..... 10 00
30 Mrs. Arthur Floyd.. 20 00
30 Bro. Archie McColl. 25 00
30 Mrs. Samuel Acton. 20 00
30 Mrs. John Vaux..... 20 00
30 Bro. H. A. Wetherall 50 00
30 Mrs. John Sutnerland 10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Brodison. 25 00
30 Orps. of J. A. Blott.. 10 00
30 Mrs. Peter Grant.... 20 00
30 Bro. Wm. Duff..... 50 00
30 Dau. of A.A. Ross.. 20 00
30 Mrs. John Evans.... 10 00
30 Mrs. Arthur Jeffery. 15 00
30 Mrs. John A. Angell 15 00
30 Bro. John Swlsher.. 25 00
30 Mrs. Robt. Young... 20 00

September 1900.
30 Mrs. Geo. Walker... 10 00
30 Daughter of John Jenkins..... 10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Johnson.. 15 00
30 Mrs. M. C. Brown .. 20 00
30 Mrs. Hy. Richardson 10 00
30 Mrs. W. C. Stewart. 15 00
30 Mrs. John Kennedy. 10 00
30 Mrs. Jas. Woodrow.. 10 00
October.
31 Child of W. Crozier. 15 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Simpson... 20 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Harison. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Thompson 10 00
31 Miss Mars B. Harris. 18 75
31 Mrs. Wm. Fingland. 10 00
31 Mrs. David Ross.... 10 00
31 Mrs. J. D. Wade.... 10 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson. 37 50
31 Mrs. W. H. Street... 10 00
31 Mrs. F. Elkington.. 25 00
31 Mrs. Jos. Carswell... 20 00
31 Mother of Sam. M. Dockstader..... 20 00
31 Mrs. S. McCullock. . 10 00
31 Mrs. T. T. Johnson.. 20 00
31 Bro. Edward Green. 50 00
31 Bro W.M. Rombough 50 00
31 Mrs. John Davy..... 15 00
31 Orphans of Chas. H. Waterman..... 10 00
31 Mrs. T. D. Harington 37 50
31 Mrs. J. Zimmerman. 10 00
31 Mrs. John C. Wilson 50 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Mercer ... 20 00
31 Bro. W. E. Sills..... 50 00
31 Mrs. Hy. Lierach... 10 00
31 Mrs. W.P. Kingsland 20 00
31 Mrs. H. L. Kifner .. 20 00
31 Mrs. A. T. Rundle.. 15 00
31 Bro. W. A. McLinn. 25 00
31 Mrs. Ed. J. Evans.. 20 00
31 Mrs. Jos. Chantler... 15 00
November.
30 Mrs. John Villiers... 20 00
30 Mrs. John Forest.... 20 00
30 Mrs. A. Bowman ... 20 00
30 Bro. Robt. Corrie... 25 00
30 Mrs. Thos. Clackburn 10 00
30 Mrs. T. McDougall.. 20 00
30 Mrs. Sarah Holman. 15 00
30 Mrs. Leslie Wright.. 20 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

November 1900.
30 Bro. James Wade... 25 00
30 Children of Matthew Nesbitt 20 00
30 Bro. J. Henderson.. 50 00
30 Mrs. M. McCargow.. 15 00
30 Mrs. James Allen... 10 00
30 Miss Mary Wilson... 75 00
30 Mrs. W. Holmwood. 20 00
30 Bro. John Jack..... 40 00
December.
31 Bro. G. A. F. Charlwood..... 40 00
31 Mrs. J J. Dingman . 15 00
31 Miss Mary M. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. R. E. Bailey... 30 00
31 Mrs. Alf. Goldsmith. 10 00
31 Mrs A. Wodehouse. 10 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Elliott... 10 00
31 Contribution to Galveston, Texas, sufferers 500 00
January. 1901.
31 Mrs. T.D. Harington 37 50
31 Bro. G. W. Rose.... 40 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson... 75 00
31 Mrs. W.S. Pickhaver 40 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson.. 37 50
31 Funeral expenses, C. H. Waterman 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. G. Johnson 10 00
February.
28 Mrs. John Evans ... 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Fingland. 10 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Richardson 10 00
28 Mrs. J. S. Baker.... 10 00
28 Mrs. M. F. Haney .. 15 00
28 Bro. Jas. Bowman.. 50 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Perry.... 20 00
28 Mrs. Chas. Bennett. 20 00
28 Mrs. Andrew Milne. 15 00
28 Bro. Jno. C. Scott.. 50 00
28 Dau. of Jno. Jenkens 10 00
28 Mrs. T. D. Stethem. 10 00
28 Dau. of Wm. Ker... 10 00
28 Mrs. W. H. Ponton. 20 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Parker.... 20 00
28 Mrs. Jno. Williams.. 10 00
28 Mrs. J. R. Hill 20 00
28 Mrs. S. Townsend .. 20 00
28 Bro. Thos. Omand.. 50 00
28 Mrs. Jacob LeClear. 10 00

February 1901.
28 Mrs. John Abbott... 20 00
28 Bro. Walter Hume.. 25 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Mills..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Walker... 10 00
28 Mrs. Thos. A. Agar. 40 00
28 Mrs. J. E. Edwards. 10 00
28 Bro. T. R. Wood... 50 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Ramsay.. 20 00
28 Mrs. David Gardner 10 00
28 Mrs. R. C. Carter... 15 00
28 Mrs. Alex. J. Short . 20 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Brodison. 25 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Mercer... 20 00
28 Mrs. T. C. McLawrence 10 00
28 Mrs. Gavin S. Macfarlane..... 20 00
28 Mrs. Jno McDougall. 20 00
28 Mrs. Arthur Lloyd.. 20 00
28 Orphans of John R. Steele..... 20 00
28 Mrs. Edw. S. Evans. 20 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Young 10 00
28 Mrs. W. C. Smart .. 15 00
28 Mrs. W. B. Wallace. 10 00
28 Bro. Wm. Hawthorne 25 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Christie.. 15 00
28 Mrs. G. C. Longley. 20 00
28 Mrs. W. M. Hunter. 40 00
28 Mrs. A. Kellock 25 00
28 Mrs. S. McCullock.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Jno. G. Jorgenson 10 00
28 Mrs. John Weir..... 10 00
28 Mrs. W. McCargow. 15 00
28 Mrs. Hugh Rankin.. 20 00
28 Mrs. F. Brown..... 10 00
28 Bro. J. A. Sloan.... 10 00
28 Mrs. S.H. Blondheim 10 00
28 Dau. of John Dean.. 25 00
28 Bro. Henry Bell.... 50 00
28 Mrs. John Kennedy 10 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Allen 10 00
28 Mrs. John Polley ... 25 00
28 Mrs. Peter Grant ... 20 00
28 Mrs. Edment Hill ... 20 00
28 Child of W. Crozier. 15 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Hassard. 25 00
28 Mrs. W.P. Kingsland 20 00
28 Mrs. Anthony Davy. 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Sharpe... 10 00
28 Mrs. T. Blackburn.. 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

February	1901.		
28	Mrs. A. E. Baker ...	20	00
28	Mrs. C.E.S. Black ..	10	00
28	Mrs. Jas. Boyle.....	10	00
28	Mrs. Jas. Metheral..	10	00
28	Mrs. Geo. W. Shields	15	00
28	Mrs. A. L. Rundle..	15	00
28	Mrs. A. C. Inwood..	10	00
28	Bro. Devereaux.....	25	00
28	Mrs. David Small...	20	00
28	Mrs. J. R. L. Smith.	15	00
28	Mrs. J. T. Jones.....	40	00
28	Sister of William Corrigal	25	00
28	Mrs. Wm. Jolley....	20	00
28	Bro. C. Scarborough	25	00
28	Mrs. McKee Conklin	25	00
28	Bro. Allen Bain.....	25	00
28	Bro. F. Mudge.....	50	00
28	Mrs. John Davy.....	15	00
28	Mrs. John Hodgson..	20	00
28	Bro. A. W. McLinn.	25	00
28	Mrs. W. J. Smythe..	15	00
28	Mrs. Jno. A. Angell.	15	00
28	Mrs. Wm. Whitters.	10	00
28	Mrs. W. H. Karn...	15	00
28	Mrs. John Hicks....	20	00
28	Daughter of Stephen Smith	20	00
28	Bro. W. C. Cliff	50	00
28	Bro. Wm. Helm	25	00
28	Mrs. Peter McArthur	25	00
28	Bro. John Swisher..	25	00
28	Mrs. E. K. Brown...	15	00
28	Mrs. Wm. Marriott..	10	00
28	Bro. Gaslar Witte ..	20	00
28	Mrs. John Forrest ..	20	00
28	Bro. R. C. Wright..	25	00
28	Mrs. Arthur Jeffery.	15	00
28	Mrs. E. Wasell	15	00
28	Mrs. T. H. Watson..	10	00
28	Orps. of J. A. Blott.	10	00
28	Mrs. E. Kester.....	10	00
28	Mrs. B. H. Echart..	20	00
28	Mrs. Jas. Woodrow.	10	00
28	Mrs. T. J. Benbow..	10	00
28	Bro. J. Blackburn...	50	00
28	Mrs. R. Carey	15	00
28	Mrs. S. M. Davis....	20	00
28	Bro. W.W. Cameron	50	00
28	Mrs. W.F. Southcoat	15	00
28	Mrs. T. W. Harrison	10	00
28	Mrs. J. C. Williams.	25	00
February	1901.		
28	Mrs. J. Sutherland..	10	00
28	Mrs. Jas. Fitton....	10	00
28	Mrs. P. Caughill....	20	00
28	Bro. P. Myers.....	50	00
28	Mrs. W. J. Arneil...	20	00
28	Bro. Sam'l. McNabb	25	00
28	Mrs. Thos. Frazer..	15	00
28	Mrs. Jas. Allen	10	00
28	Mrs. John Munro...	10	00
28	Mrs. Hy. Hall.....	15	00
28	Mrs. John Mander..	20	00
28	Mrs. E. C. Wodehouse	10	00
March.			
31	Mrs. Wm. E. Johnson	10	00
31	Mrs. Jos. Chantler..	15	00
31	Mrs. R. E. Harrison	15	00
31	Mrs. John Villiers ..	20	00
31	Mrs. J. McGibbeny.	20	00
31	Mrs. Jas. Miller....	25	00
31	Mrs. Jas. L. Young.	10	00
31	Mrs. Thos. Brock...	10	00
31	Mrs. Francis Elkington	25	00
31	Bro. L. W. Whitney	50	00
31	Mrs. D. L. Comins .	10	00
31	Bro. Peter Brown...	50	00
31	Dau. of A. A. Ross.	20	00
31	Mrs. Robt. A. Kirby	10	00
31	Mrs. John Rome....	20	00
31	Mother of J. B. Cumming	40	00
31	Bro. W. M. Carl....	50	00
31	Mrs. H. McNamee..	20	00
31	Mrs. Jno. Thompson	10	00
31	Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe..	10	00
31	Mrs. Hugh Hinds...	20	00
31	Mrs. W. E. Kemp...	10	00
31	Bro. Chas. Chaseley.	50	00
31	Mrs. C. Allens.....	10	00
31	Mrs. R. A. Page....	20	00
31	Bro. R. T. Smith....	25	00
31	Mrs. D. Robertson..	10	00
31	Mrs. Geo. B. Gray..	15	00
31	Children of Samuel Phoenix...	15	00
31	Bro. Jas. Richmond.	25	00
31	Mrs. E. Cherry.....	10	00
31	Mrs. H. Etherington	40	00
31	Mrs. J. S. Wade....	10	00
31	Mrs. P. Patterson...	10	00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

March	1901.		
31	Mrs. R. H. Wright..	20	00
31	Mrs. Geo. Cockburn.	20	00
31	Mrs. H. L. Kifner ..	20	00
31	Mrs. Levi Neal	10	00
31	Mrs. Jos. C. Bogart.	10	00
31	Mrs. Jas. Middleton.	10	00
31	Mrs. Samuel Acton .	20	00
31	Mrs. Geo. Grant ...	10	00
31	Mrs. Geo. Grant	10	00
31	Mrs. A. Bowman ...	20	00
31	Bro. W. E. Sills	50	00
31	Mrs. Jno. Zimmerman	10	00
31	Mrs. Thos. G. Shaw.	10	00
31	Sister of J. McPherson	10	00
31	Mrs. Jno. Harvey...	10	00
31	Mrs. Hy. Liersch ...	10	00
31	Mrs. Alf. Goldsmith	10	00
31	Mrs. R. Radcliffe ..	15	00
31	Mrs. Geo. Goslee...	5	00
31	Bro. Edward Green.	50	00
31	Dau. of Wm. Johnson	15	00
31	Mrs. Wm. Tripp....	15	00
31	Mrs. J. J. Dingman.	15	00
31	Bro. W. A. Rombough	50	00
31	Mrs. E. Saunders....	15	00
31	Mrs. P. R. Davy....	15	00
31	Bro. David McAlder	30	00
31	Mrs. Geo. M. Brown	40	00
31	Mrs. A. S. McIntyre.	10	00
31	Mrs. J. Blanchard ..	30	00
31	Bro. J. Blois Smith..	25	00
31	Mrs. H. Canning....	20	00
31	Bro. Wm. Campbell.	50	00
31	Mother of S. M. Dockstader.....	20	00
31	Daughter of Thomas Lockerty	20	00
31	Mrs. John Vaux	20	00
31	Mrs Geo. T. Porter.	10	00
31	Bro. F. P. Gassion..	50	00
31	Bro. Alex Findlay..	50	00
31	Bro. A. Couper.....	25	00
31	Mrs. R. Flood	20	00
31	Mrs. J. T. Gurnett..	20	00
31	Mrs. A. R. Paul	20	00
31	Bro. Jas. W. Crate..	25	00
31	Mrs. Lionel Yorke..	20	00
March	1901.		
31	Mrs. John Jackson..	25	00
31	Child'n of R. P. Fidler	25	00
		25	00
31	Bro. J. A. Scott	25	00
31	Mrs. N. H. Smith...	15	00
31	Mrs. Hy. Hamill....	20	00
31	Bro. J. R. L. Dixon.	25	00
31	Mrs. Henry Jones ..	10	00
31	Mrs. John Wells....	20	00
31	Mrs. J. A. McInness	10	00
31	Mrs. Chas. Graham .	15	00
31	Mrs. Alfred Wilson .	15	00
31	Mrs. E. Phillips	15	00
31	Mrs. Robt. Gibson..	10	00
31	Bro. R. H. Green...	50	00
31	Bro. Archie McColl	25	00
31	Dau. of Wm. Wilkinson	20	00
31	Bro. John Findlay..	25	00
31	Mrs. H. Richardson.	10	00
31	Mrs. Thos. Vesey...	20	00
31	Mrs. W. M. Widgery	20	00
31	Orphans of W. F. Murdock	15	00
April.			
30	Mrs. W. M. Wilson..	37	50
30	Mrs. Jas. Simpson ..	20	00
30	Mrs. T. J. Johnson..	20	00
30	Miss Mary Wilson...	75	00
30	Miss Mary H. Harris	18	75
30	Mrs. T. D. Harrington	37	50
30	Mrs. J. A. Daigarno.	20	00
30	Mrs. W. H. Street..	10	00
30	Mrs. W. B. Simpson.	25	00
May			
31	Mrs. John Holman..	15	00
31	Mrs. Jos. Carswell...	20	00
31	Mrs. Robt. White ...	10	00
31	Children of M. Nesbit	20	00
31	Bro. John Wilis.....	50	00
31	Mrs. David Ross	10	00
31	Mrs. Thos. Elliott...	10	00
31	Mrs. T. G. McDougall	20	00
31	Mrs. A. Wodehouse.	10	00
31	Bro. John Wade	25	00
31	Mrs. Leslie Wright..	20	00
31	Bro. T. H. Butler, funeral expenses..	50	00
	Total....	$11,840	00

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report it is pleasing to note that no case of dispute has marred the pleasure associated with the discharge of my official duties. Harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout the district.

Two Lodges of Instruction were held during the year: One at Essex, a convenient centre for the brethren in the western part of the district, and one at Thamesville, for the benefit of brethren in the eastern part. Both proved very profitable.

The uniformity and high order of the work throughout the district evince that former D. D. G. M's. have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties as such.

I received notice of change in By-laws from Windsor Lodge, No. 403, and Highgate Lodge, No. 336, and forwarded the same, with my approval, to the M. W. the Grand Master for his confirmation.

By command and under dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, I constituted a new Lodge at Wheatley, with excellent prospects.

During the year I granted dispensations as follows: To Wellington, No. 46; Windsor, No. 403, and Howard, No. 391, to attend Divine service, clothed as Masons;

also to Sydenham, No. 255, to install officers at a time other than that fixed in the By-laws.

The sad death-roll during the year is as follows: Jas. A. Steinhoff, M. M., Pynx, No. 312; Michael P. Heatherington, P. M., Leamington, No. 290, May 2, 1901; Thos. Dales, M. M., Leamington, No. 290; W. W. Brindle, M. M., Windsor, No. 403, Feb. 1, 1901; Alex. B. Campbell, M. M., Rodney, No. 411; Johnston M. Soper, M. M., Kent, No. 274, Jan. 18, 1901; Robt. O'Hara, M.M., Wellington, No. 46, Sept. 3, 1900; W. A. Ferguson, M. M., Wellington, No. 46, Oct. 6, 1900; Joseph Montgomery, M. M., Oct. 28, 1900; Ruphus Stephenson, M. M., Wellington, Feb. 15, 1901; J. C. McKay, M. M., Wellington, No. 46, May 15, 1901; L. M. Lent, M. M., Howard, No. 391, June 18, 1901; Jas. Atkinson, M. M., Great Western, No. 47; Samuel Moffat, M. M., Naphtali, No. 413, Jan. 15, 1901; S. Millen, M. M., Central, No. 402, Jan. 1, 1901; Charles G. Fox, P. M., St. Georges, No. 41, Jan. 27, 1901.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: Visited September 4. Visiting brethren from Wyandotte and Trenton, Michigan, to the number of one hundred and fifty, came over the river, accompanied by a brass band. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro, Hobley in excellent style. Lively addresses were given by many of the visiting brethren and by several members of Thistle Lodge. The banquet which followed was thoroughly enjoyed, Examined the minute book and found it well kept. At the Lodge of Instruction held at Essex during the year W. Bro. Hobley and his officers exemplified the second degree in a manner that challenged criticism.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited October 2. W. Bro. Corless opened in the second and third degrees, after which W. Bro. Palmer conferred the third degree. The work was exceedingly well done. Many points of interest were discussed and a profitable time spent. Refreshments at the close. Examined the minute book and found it a model of neatness and correctness.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: Visited October 3. W. Bro. Brien, W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree. The style in which the work was done invited commendation. Interesting discussions followed. Refreshments at the close.

The Lodge is in a healthy condition; minute book well kept. At the Lodge of Instruction, held at Essex in November, W. Bro. Brien and his officers exemplified the third degree in a manner most remarkable for accuracy and effectiveness.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Visited October 5. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gosnell, W. M., assisted by his officers. W. Bro. Gosnell has an easy and natural style which makes the ceremony exceedingly interesting and real. Many questions were asked and considerable discussion followed. Examined minute book and found it carefully and correctly kept. I visited the Lodge a second time on May 31. W. Bro. Foster, now W. M., assisted by his officers, initiated a candidate and did the work well. Banquet at the close on both occasions.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited October 8. W. Bro. Porter, W. M., assisted by his officers, initiated a candidate. Both Deacons were absent, but their chairs were well filled. The work was done in good style. Several points of interest were discussed. Refreshments at the close. A pleasant time. The Lodge is in a healthy condition. Visited Howard Lodge a second time on January 3. At the request of W. Bro. Porter, and with the assistance of his officers, I conferred the third degree on a candidate, after which I installed the officers.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: Visited October 29. No work being on hand W. Bro. French opened and closed the Lodge in the second and third degrees. The Lodge is in good working order and in a healthy condition. At the close an excellent banquet was enjoyed and many good after-dinner speeches were made. At the Lodge of Instruction, held at Thamesville, in January, W. Bro. French and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very efficient and satisfactory manner. The minute book is correctly kept.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422: Visited October 31. A candidate was passed to the second degree by W. Bro. Patterson, W. M., assisted by his officers. The work was excellent and the floor movements remarkably well executed. The R. W. Bro. Hickey, who is a member of this Lodge, has done much to bring it up to a very high state of efficiency. Bro.

Bayley is a model secretary. The Lodge is in healthy condition. At the close refreshments were served. At the Lodge of Instruction, held at Thamesville, W. Bro. Patterson and his officers exefplified the second degree in a style that was simply faultless.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Visited October 30. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bodkin, assisted by his officers, and several points of interest were discussed. The meeting was small on account of the night being stormy. Examined the minute book and found it well kept.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited December 6. No work being on hand the Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Many questions were asked and many points discussed. Refreshments at the close. At the Lodge of Instruction, held under the charter of Tecumseh Lodge in January, the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Horn and the officers of Tecumseh Lodge. The meaning of the degree was clearly brought out and forcibly impressed. Few who were present will ever forget the work of that evening.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited November 1. W. Bro. Allworth met me at the station and took me to his home. The meeting that evening was most interesting. Two candidates were passed to the second degree by W. Bro. Allworth, W. M., assisted by his officers. The work was exceedingly well done. Examined the minute book and found it well kept. The Lodge is in a healthy condition.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited November 2. There being no work on hand the Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Considerable time was spent in profitable discussion. Refreshments at the close.

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited November 5. The attendance was small. Most of the officers were absent. The Lodge was not in a flourishing condition. We talked over the situation. One cause of discouragement was the removal, early in the year, of the W. M., the Rev. W. Bro. Currie. Was asked to return on December 27 for the installation of officers. Did so and found a much more hopeful state of things. W. Bro. Crawford, a former W. M., who had lately returned to the vicinity of Wallaceburg, was the

Master-elect. After installation several addresses were given. All felt glad at the return of W. Bro. Crawford and were confident that the Lodge would prosper under his oversight.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited December 5. There being no work on hand a member was taken to represent a candidate and the first degree was exemplified. W. Bro. Moore, W. M., was suffering from hoarseness, but he evinced a thorough knowledge of the work. His officers also performed their several parts with efficiency. The Lodge, some little time ago, suffered from the removal of a large industry from Chatham, taking with it a number of members and several officers. The Lodge, however, is recovering, and prospects are good. R. W. Bro. MacNabb, of this Lodge, is a tower of strength to Masonry in Chatham. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: Visited December 13. W. Bro. Wiley, W. M., opened and closed the Lodge in the second and third degrees. Many points were discussed, and an interesting time spent. At the close a banquet was enjoyed and a good social time.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited December 17. W. Bro. Turner, W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree. My expectations were not disappointed, as the work was done in excellent style and very correctly. Several addresses were given. The meeting was exceedingly interesting. Refreshments at the close. Visited Wellington Lodge again on June 25. W. Bro. Campbell, the present W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the second degree. The work was remarkably well done. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Bro. Gregory is a model secretary.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited January 14. This is my mother Lodge. I installed the officers that evening. I know the Lodge to be in fair working order and on a sound financial basis, owing largely to the energy and business tact of W. Bro. Crookshank, who is a model secretary. W. Bro. Cocker is giving proof of efficiency as W. M.

The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited April 2. According to a resolution passed at

the meeting of the District held during the Communication of Grand Lodge, I had purchased a P. D. D. G. M's. regalia, and, in behalf of the District, I presented it to R. W. Bro. McKillop in the presence of the brethren of his own Lodge. The honor was highly esteemed not only by R. W. Bro. McKillop, but also by the members of his Lodge, with whom he is exceedingly popular. A pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments at the close.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited April 11. W. Bro. Baker, W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree. The fact that R. W. Bro. Hillier was a member of this Lodge led me to expect that the work would be done in first-class style, and I was not disappointed. There was no room for criticism. The meeting was very interesting. At the close refreshments were served.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor; Visited April 12. A large number was present, consisting of members, visitors from other Lodges in the city, and brethren from Detroit. R. W. Bro. Milner and several other P. D. D. G. M's. occupied seats in the East. W. Bro. Gavin, W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree with marked efficiency. Lively discussions followed. At the close we enjoyed an excellent banquet and had a good social time.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited April 30. W. Bro. McVicar, W. M., assisted by his officers, initiated two candidates. The work was well done. Found the minute book correctly kept. The Lodge is in a healthy condition.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited May 1. There being no work on hand, W. Bro. Busby, I. P. M., opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Many points of interest were discussed and a profitable time spent. The finances of the Lodge are not in a satisfactory condition. Many of its members are far in arrears. Something should be done to remedy this state of things.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited May 23. W. Bro. Buchanan, W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree and did it exceedingly well. W. Bro. Buchanan is a strong man and very efficient in his work. Interesting and lively discussions followed. At the close the members and visiting brethren, several of whom were from Detroit,

sat down to an excellent banquet in the spacious hall adjoining the Lodge-room. At the Lodge of Instruction, held at Essex in November, W. Bro. White, then W. M. of Great Western, assisted by his officers, exemplified the second degree. The work was as nearly perfect as anything human could be.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. JAMIESON, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership			Degrees conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D	Suspensions, other cases.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	68	...	2	3	2	...	3	2	1	6	...	1	11	1	12	...	$ 5 00	...		Dec., 1900...		Fair	Yes	$ 400 00
47	Gt. West'rn	Windsor	210	22	...	19	19	20	5	3	1	...	...	1	13	30	43	50	60 00	20	$ 100 00	June, 1901.	$ 1,500 00	Good	Yes	500 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	54	3	...	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	18	36 50	5	24 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
391	Howard	Ridgetown	59	3	...	3	5	4	...	1	3	4	...	1	11	3	14	12	5 00	24	110 00	Jan., 1901...	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
46	Wellington	Chatham	133	...	3	5	6	4	1	1	...	4	1	5	11	13	24	29	5 00	24	224 42	May, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	67	...	...	6	4	4	1	1	1	...	...	1	12	8	21	20		13	88 50	Jan., 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	30	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	11	...	11	10		26	160 00	June, 1900..		Fair	No	200 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	61	5	...	4	3	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	22	170 00	10	33 00	April, 1901.	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
390	Florence	Florence	23	...	2	..	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	2	8	9	5 00	1	20 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	125 00
282	Lorne	Glencoe	45	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	15		17	50 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Fair	No	250 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	46	5	...	5	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	15	15	50 00	5	20 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	58	8	...	9	9	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	6	19	...		...		July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
290	Leamingt'n	Leamington	93	...	15	3	3	2	1	...	4	10	...	2	14	3	17	17	30 00	30	167 50	June, 1901..	275 50	Fair	Yes	400 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	144	12	...	17	13	12	2	2	2	...	...	1	12	28	40	26	40 00	18	199 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	64	8	...	8	10	10	...	...	...	4	...	1	13	5	18	15		2	15 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
422	St'r of the East	Bothwell	49	4	...	5	7	7	1	...	1	1	...	...	11	5	16	18		10	74 50	July, 1901...	Good	V'ry good	Yes	210 00
41	St. George's	Kingsville	98	9	...	6	6	6	...	4	...	...	...	1	14	5	19	22	15 00	39	332 00	Dec., 1900...		Fair	Yes	
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	19	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	12		5	54 00	June, 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	65	2	...	5	3	4	2	...	2	3	...	...	14	1	15	20		20	205 00	Dec., 1900...		Fair	Yes	500 00
402	Central	Essex	54	7		4	5	5	1	3	...	...	..	1	13	4	17	15	22 50	22	218 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
385	Parvaim	Comber	44	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	12	3	15	15		7	30 75	Feb. 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	58	4	...	4	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	14	2	16	14		1	5 00		Good	Good	Yes	300 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I hereby respectfully submit my report, for your consideration, on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2.

To the brethren of the District I extend earnest thanks for the honor which they so generously bestowed upon me in elevating me to the important office of D. D. G. M.

I would likewise express my gratitude for the fraternal spirit in which all of my instruction and advice has been received, and further for the hospitable and brotherly manner in which I have been received by the brethren throughout the District. The expenses incident to my official visits have in every case been cheerfully discharged by the Lodge.

I have visited each Lodge in the District except Ionic, No. 328, of which I am unable to make any more favorable report than those submitted by my two immediate predecessors.

I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the wisdom of a close observance of the injunction of the Constitution with respect to preferment, and have urged that, in the election of officers, the good of the Order and the Lodge must be held above that of the individual. Apropos of this, in every instance where I have found a capable and energetic Master, I have been able to record success and prosperity for the Lodge.

I appointed Rev. H. C. Speller, of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. W. S. Duggan, Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs, District Secretary.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. George Edgar Billington, M. D., St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges; W. Bro. Sturgeon, M. D., Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia; Bro. Benjamin Tapp, Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward; Bro. William Thompson, Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona; Bro. Richard Williams, Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne.

I have granted dispensations, as follows:

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston, to attend a memorial service in memory of our late beloved Queen.

To the following Lodges to attend Divine service on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1901, clothed as Masons: Petrolia, No. 194, Petrolia; Victoria, No. 56, Sarnia; Tuscan, No. 437, Sarnia, and Beaver, No. 83, Strathroy.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia, submitted a change in By-laws, which together with my approval I forwarded to the Grand Master for his consideration.

At the reception tendered to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master by the Petrolia brethren, Right Wor. Bro. Weir, on behalf of the District, presented in an eloquent and brotherly manner R. W. Bro. Coghlan, I. P. D .D. G. M., with a D. D. G. M's. regalia. The R. W. Bro. acknowledged the kindness of his brethren with the utmost affection.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston, on the afternoon and evening of March 21st, 1901. There was a very good attendance of brethren. We were particularly pleased to welcome several brethren from Districts Nos. 1 and 3, but regret that many of our own Lodges were not represented.

The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. S. W. Trusler, P. M., Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie, assisted by the J. and S. Wardens of Huron Lodge, and other officers of Alvinston Lodge. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Alexander Saunders, P. M., and officers of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford. Needless to say that the work in each of these degrees was very correctly and impressively executed. In the evening the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Martyn, I. P. M., and officers of Alvinston Lodge, the correctness and excellence in delivery of W. M., together with the precise and pleasing style of the floor work, evoked well deserved and generous praise from the many skilled brethren present. The opinion prevailed among the brethren that they had enjoyed a most fraternal season and received not a little valuable instruction.

I am pleased to state that, owing to the high ability and great zeal of my predecessors in office, I have found the work very uniform and well executed throughout the District.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: Visited this Lodge October 31st, 1900. There was a small gathering of brethren, among the number R. W. Bro. W. J. Ward, who I was particularly pleased to meet on this, the occasion of my first official visit. The conferring of the second degree was entrusted to Past Master Bro. Arthur F. Wade, who discharged his duties in this particular with dignity and precision. W. Bro. James Smith, Wor. Master, opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees quite satisfactorily, but has not yet mastered the degree work. The P. M's, who performed the duties of several absent officers, came in for some criticism, which they accepted in a true Masonic spirit. The Secretary, W. Bro. H. J. Leacock, is a most efficient officer. The prospects of this Lodge are very encouraging. Since writing the above I have learned that Leopold Lodge has suffered severe loss from fire, which occurred the 10th day of January, 1901. I am pleased to state, however, that far from being discouraged, these energetic brethren have gone to work with a determination, and I doubt not that ere long they will be as prosperous as ever.

On November 8th, 1900, I visited Alexandra, No. 158, Oil Springs. W. Bro. Nichol, W. M., and officers were present. No rehearsals have been held by the officers during their term, as was evidenced throughout the work of the evening, all of which was rendered in a very unsatisfactory manner. I regret to state that the prospects of this Lodge are not very bright.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward: I visited this Lodge officially November 12th, 1900. The work of the evening consisted of two initiations, one of which was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Jackson, in a painstaking and earnest manner. In the absence of the J. W., his chair was ably filled by Bro. Wrighton, J. W. of Tuscan Lodge, Sarnia. The second candidate was initiated by I. P. M. MacKenzie. The work of the S. W., Bro. Clark, was especially creditable. A large attendance of brethren was a pleasant feature of the evening, R. W. Bro. Weir and a number of other Sarnia brethren being among the number. This is the mother Lodge of R. W. Bro. B. F. George, than whom no more earnest Mason can be found in the District. He still serves his Lodge faithfully and well in the capacity of Secretary. R. W. Bro. Weir favored the brethren with

somewhat extended remarks, which were received in a manner that shows the high regard in which he is held throughout the District. A sumptuous repast closed a pleasant and profitable evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges: I paid this Lodge a visit on the evening of Novebmer 6th, 1900. Was cordially received by W. Bro. Badge. I found a goodly number of brethren assembled. The candidate for the first degree being absent, W. Bro. Betts was substituted and the degree exemplified in a most creditable manner. This Lodge is especially fortunate in the possession of a large number of Past Masters, many of whom continue to take an earnest interest in its welfare. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. T. C. West.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: This Lodge is having a very satisfactory and progressive year. I visited here on the evening of the election of officers, December 4th, 1900. I was most favorably impressed with the fraternal manner in which this important function was performed. The third degree was conferred by the W. M. in a very earnest manner, creditably assisted by the officers of the Lodge. Was pleased to note from the register that the brethren are faithful in their attendance. W. Bro. T. C. Cowan performs the duties of the Secretary's office in a manner that leaves no room for criticism.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: Visited this Lodge officially January 28th, 1901. This being the first regular meeting after installation, the officers were unable to work with that ease and precision which comes from experience alone. However W. Bro. Campbell exemplified the first degree in a fairly creditable manner. I regret to state that the S. W. did not appear to have given proper consideration to the important duties of his office; however, I am encouraged to believe that he will make proper amends in the future. The J. W. is deserving of especial mention for the excellent manner in which he delivered his work. R. W. Bro. Holwell was in his accustomed place. R. W. Bro .Sutherland, J. D., pro tem., is ever ready to perform any duty his Lodge may require, never allows the officers to err or himself to become rusty. After Lodge closed a social hour was spent around the banquet table in the Holwell House.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this Lodge

officially January 30th, 1901. All of the officers and a goodly number of members were present. The candidate for passing, also the one for raising, being absent, the W. M. Bro. Bartram exemplified the second degree in a nearly faultless manner, indeed I have never heard this degree given more impressively. The Wardens had evidently spent much time and labor to perfect themselves in their respective parts. The opening and closing throughout the three degrees was very correctly done. A very pleasing exemplification of the preparation required of a candidate for the advancement was given. The last brother raised was called to the East and asked the questions which should be required of all M. M's. These he answered correctly. He also gave the obligation in the third degree, as well as a correct explanation of the working tools. I was informed that all candidates for advancement are prepared in this manner. There were eight P. M's of the Lodge present, all taking careful interest in the work. A communication involving the principal of charity was received, thoroughly discussed and dealt with in a manner that showed the brethren of Forest Lodge fully comprehend and practice the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: Visited this Lodge February 6th, 1901. The work of the evening consisted of two second degrees, the first of which was taken by W. Bro. Munroe, P. M. The W. M., W. Bro. Dunlop, then resumed the chair and worked the remaining degree in a manner that left no doubt of his earnest desire to do his full duty by his candidate and bring out the grand truths of Masonry. He was faithfully supported by the subordinate officers. W. Bro. McHattie, the Secretary, is very methodical with his records. This Lodge has a steady growth and good prospects for the future. Washington and Petrolia Lodges conjointly, under the leadership of W. Bro. Belasco, at that time Wor. Master of Washington, had the honor of entertaining the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. On the evening of the third of October, 1900, and in accord with the well-known spirit of hospitality which has ever characterized Petrolia Masons, the whole District was invited to share in the honor. I feel safe in stating that the Grand Master was greeted on that occasion by a larger number of his brethren than on a similar event

in the history of this District. His appreciation was clearly shown throughout his wise and helpful discourse. It was evident that much good resulted from this important function. All departed feeling proud of their Grand Master and sounding the praise of their Petrolia brethren.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: To say that this Lolge is enjoying an era of prosperity but mildly expresses the remarkable strides it has been making during the past year. Victoria justly boasts a proud line of Past Masters, but none have done more for the Craft in geenral or the Lodge in particular than the present Master, W. Bro. P. T. McGibbon, by whose tireless energy the Lodge has advanced to a position hitherto unknown in its history. A very large number have been added to the roll, and of the very best material. Past Masters have been required to brush up and assist in conferring degrees, sister Lodges have been visited, and in all ways the banner of Masonry has been successfully carried forward. I visited this Lodge officially February 5th, 1901. All the officers and a large number of brethren were present. W. M. McGibbon conducted the work of the evening with consumate skill, and each of the subordinate officers performed their duties in a manner that left little room for criticism, the lecture in the South being given very correctly and impressively. The J. D. executed the floor work (first degree) in a way that I have been pleased to accept as a model. Bro. Fred. Watson makes an ideal Secretary, clear, concise, and punctual. A pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table after the close of Lodge.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia: Visited this Lodge February 13th, 1901. There was a large attendance of brethren, including many visitors, principally from Washington Lodge. I am pleased to state that complete harmony exists between these two Lodges. The first degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge, who acquitted themselves, if not without errors, in a most creditable style. The third degree was worked by the W. M. and his officers in a painstaking and thoughtful manner. The opening and closing in the several degrees was nearly faultless. R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, who scarcely ever misses a meeting, was present, and as usual closely observed the work. W. Bro. Smith is Secretary of the Lodge, and fills the office

to the satisfaction of all. A pleasing fourth degree closed the evening.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: I had the pleasure of assisting W. Bro. Wood and W. Bro. Kerr to install the officers of this Lodge. On the evening of February 20, 1901, I made my official visit here, was most cordially received by W. M. Wrighton and a large number of brethren. The East was well filled with Past Masters, among the number being R. W. Bros. Weir and George. The first and third degrees were conferred by the W. M. and his officers with a grace and perfection that brought words of praise from all the skilled brethren present. W. Bro. Wrighton is one of those able, zealous workers, who find great pleasure in advancing the interest of the Craft. He is ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers, the work of the Wardens being particularly commendable. Following the degree work was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to the I. P. M., W. Bro. Kidd. The keen delight evinced by all the brethren proved the high esteem in which the W. Bro is held by this, his mother Lodge, while his feeling reply fully demonstrated his strong and unaffected attachment to his Lodge. On several occasions Tuscan's officers have visited sister Lodges and conferred degrees, thereby furthering that fraternal spirit so much to be desired in the Order.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323: An emergent meeting Thursday, February 14th, granted by the courtesy of the Wor. Master, was the occasion of my official visit to Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, whose recently elected officers it had previously been my honor to install with the assistance of W. Bro. Dr. Martyn. The good attendance of the brethren and the commendable work of the officers was in evidence of the satisfactory condition of this Lodge. Wor. Master Germain deserves credit, not only for the efficiency of his official staff, but also for his own personal work, his performance of which left no room for criticism. I must here state that while the Lodge owes much to its present officers, there is still a considerable debt of gratitude due to other prominent and active members, and that the correct work of the officers and the general Masonic appearance of the brethren pointed distinctly to the assistance of a hand no less skilful than that of W. Bro. Dr. Martyn. The presence of W. Bro. Belasco and Bro. Denham, of

Washington Lodge, Petrolia, was appreciated by the brethren. W. Bro. Belasco is an enthusiastic Mason and ever finds it a pleasure to afford assistance and instruction to his brethren, and whose Masonic knowledge, coupled with a most genial disposition, makes him a distinct and desirable addition at any meeting of the Craft.

At the close of Lodge a most enjoyable season was spent in song and speech about the festive board.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: This Lodge works under considerable disadvantage, in that its membership is small and several of whom reside at a considerable distance, but if earnest endeavor on the part of the W. M. and at lesat one P.M. can avail, the future of Dufferin is quite safe. On the evening of my visit, February 27th, 1901, W. Bro. James, W. M., worked part of the third degree quite correctly. W. Bro. Haggarty completed the degree. An earnest effort is being made by the W. M. to place the Lodge in better financial standing with Grand Lodge.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: On February 28th I made my official visit to Moore Lodge, No. 294. The Wor. Master and Wardens were in their places, and I am pleased to report their work performed in a most creditable manner. Past Masters performed the duties of certain officers who were absent. I regret to state that there were very few members in attendance, and that only the large number of visitors, more than thirty hailing from Pine Grove Lodge, St. Clair, Mich., prevented an unsatisfactory meeting. The prospects of this Lodge, however, are good indeed.

After Lodge a social hour was spent in entertaining the visiting brethren, during which refreshments were served.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: Visited this Lodge March 8th, 1901, and found it in a very prosperous condition, great interest being taken in its affairs by many of the Past Masters, especially Very Wor. Bro. Mallon, who is ever alert, able, and willing to further the interests of his Lodge. The first degree was conferred on one of the returned heroes of the war, the son of Wor. Bro. McBeth. W. Bro. Willmott performed his work in a most pleasing and nearly perfect manner; indeed there was little fault to be found with any of the officers, some few errors being pointed out.

R. W. Bro. Lindsay, P. D. D. G. M. of this District,

addressed a few well-chosen and instructive words to the brethren, as did also W. Bro. Belasco, of Washington Lodge, Petrolia, who accompanied me on this visit. I also had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. Lindsay, of London District. Was sorry to note the absence of R. W. Bro. Whitehead, which was occasioned by that prevalent malady, la grippe. I desire to particularly mention the skill of W. Bro. Richardson as Secretary of the Lodge, of whom it is but just to say that none are more perfect in the performance of the arduous duties of this important office. I sincerely congratulate Beaver Lodge on the possession of so excellent a Secretary.

The Rev. Bro. W. T. Cluff presided as chairman over the informal meeting after the close of the Lodge; needless to say, he did so in the happiest possible manner. After refreshments and a pleasant hour of social intercourse, the meeting was brought to an end by singing "God Save the King."

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: Visited this Lodge March 20th, 1901, being the occasion of an emergent meeting kindly granted by the W. M. for my accommodation. I also desire to express my gratitude to W. Bro. S. W. Trusler for his consideration and kindness, which he extended to me in so hospitable a manner on this occasion. The opening and closing in the several degrees was accurately done by the W. M.

The work of the evening, the third degree, at the request of the W. M. was conferred by W. Bro. Trusler in excellent style. The work of the assistant officers was fair. There was a good attendance and much interest. The prospects of this Lodge are good. Lodge closed; an adjournment was had to the hotel, when a susbtantial repast was thoroughly enjoyed.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: Visited this Lodge May 2nd, 1901. Had the honor to be introduced to the W. M. and brethren by R. W. Bros. Dr. Harvey and Coghlan. There was a good attendance. The work for the evening was performed by the W. M., W. Bro. Benest and officers in a very correct manner. There was considerable discussion, covering the whole work of a Craft Lodge, in which the above mentioned R. W. Bros. took a prominent part, demonstrating their ability and worth to the Order, as well as their interest therein. After Lodge closed the brethren were conducted to the McFarland House, where they were regaled at a beautifully decorated and sumptuously laden

banquet table. Thus concluded a profitable and enjoyable evening.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: Visited this Lodge May 28th, 1901. This was the meeting for the election of officers, which function was conducted with the utmost harmony. Owing to the continued illness of the W. M. during his term, the officers have received little or no drill, which was fully evidenced by very ordinary work throughout the evening. The nervousness of the W. M. considerably marred his otherwise pleasing style of conferring the second degree. Bro. D. Watt, the Secretary, is a careful, painstaking officer. There was a good attendance of brethren, among the number several Past Masters.

The brethren of Havelock are earnest, jolly good fellows, as was thoroughly demonstrated by the exemplification of the fourth degree.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Visited this Lodge May 30th, 1901: Many of the brethren of this Lodge live at a considerable distance, the W. M. residing seven miles distant from the Lodge. A goodly number of sociable and energetic brethren assembled at a rather late hour. A number of errors in the conferring of the first degree was noted, as well as in the opening and closing in the first degree. The W. M., W. Bro Spearman, is an earnest, enthusiastic Mason, with an able staff of officers, who only require drill to enable them to do excellent work. Several well-skilled Past Masters were present and assisted in the work. The Secretary, Bro. Fred. Nelson, is a young Mason, who will reflect honor upon his Lodge which he now serves in the capacity of Secretary, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Saunders, of Havelock Lodge, and Bro. A. W. Samis, Secretary of Alexandra Lodge, both of whom addressed the brethren at some length.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the prompt and efficient assistance which I have received from many of the secretaries, whose work I fear is seldom appreciated at its full value. The many kindnesses I have received from the brethren on every hand shall remain with me a source of pride and pleasure while memory lasts.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. PARKS, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No 2, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degre's conf'rd E. A.	Degre's conf'rd F. C.	Degre's conf'rd M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
56	Victoria ...	Sarnia	127	28	5	22	22	19	3	3	1	3	...	1	11	15	26	30	$65 00	2	$ 14 00	Dec., 1900...	A1	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes
81	St. John's ..	Mt. Brydges ...	55	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	13	1	14	18	15 50	13	34 00	July, 1900...	Excell'nt	Fair	Yes	$1500 00
83	Beaver	Stratharoy	94	5	3	4	6	5	1	...	1	2	...	...	13	1	14	30		25	300 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1000 00
116	Cassia	Thedford.....	33	3	..	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	12	5 00	4	13 00	Jan., 1901..	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
153	Burns	Wyoming	69	6	10	6	5	3	...	1	5	4	...	1	12	4	16	16		3	25 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
158	Alexandra..	Oil Springs.....	53	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	13	...	13	15	87 50	15	29 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Dull	No	Yes
194	Petrolia ...	Petrolia	79	4	8	3	3	2	...	1	...	6	...	2	12	1	13	22	10 00	12	64 00	Dec , 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
238	Havelock ..	Watford	56	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	11	1	12	13	20 00	...		June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
260	Wash'ngt'n	Petrolia	80	5	3	5	7	7	...	...	...	2	...	1	14	3	17	22	10 00	35	124 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	No	300 00
263	Forest	Forest	75	9	2	8	7	5	...	1	2	...	...	...	14	1	15	35	25 00	17	52 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
294	Moore	Courtright	32	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	11		6	27 00	June, 1901..	Good	Fair	Yes	
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	34	3	4	3	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	11	1	12	3	5 00	7	60 00	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
323	Alvinston ..	Alvinston	57	5	6	4	4	3	1	..	1	6	...	..	11	7	18	22		8	24 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
328	Ionic	Napier	15	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	1	5	7	10 00	12			Fair		Yes	No
364	Dufferin	Melbourne.....	33	2	2	2	3	2	...	...	1	...	..	1	11	1	12	10	2 50	13	85 00	June, 1898..	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00
392	Huron	Camlachie	52	2	6	2	5	5	...	...	2	4	...	...	13	2	15	14		5	61 50	Jan., 1901...	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
397	Leopold	Brigden	51	4	..	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7	12		16	146 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	No
419	Bismarck ..	Pt. Edward ...	76	4	2	4	4	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	12	...	12	15	10 00	20	100 00	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
425	St. Clair ...	Sombra	48	8	2	7	7	7	1	...	...	2	...	...	13	...	13	13	20 00	12	121 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	No	300 00
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	71	14	1	11	13	10	3	...	1	...	...	...	11	6	17	26	10 00	...		Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report of London District, No. 3, I can assure you that I have felt the great honor conferred upon me, and my duties have been a very great pleasure. The kindness and courtesy shown me during the year have been all that heart could desire. My duties to a great extent have been made lighter by London District being the residence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, and other present and past Grand Lodge officers, causing the different Lodges in the district to strive to excell each other in work.

I granted dispensations to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394; St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44; Cameron Lodge, No. 232, to attend Divine service clothed as Masons; also a dispensation to Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, to wear Masonic clothing in a funeral ceremony in honor of her late Majesty Queen Victoria; Henderson Lodge, No. 388, to appear in Masonic clothing at an "At home."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master healed Bro. Samuel Molland in King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378.

During the year I have not received notice of any deaths, though there have been twenty or more in the District.

I have visited each Lodge in the District once, and some twice, and found the authorized work, with only one or two exceptions, given very correctly, and nearly every Lodge has one or more Past Masters capable of doing correct work, and they take a deep interest in their several Lodges. This, and the members visiting other Lodges, has brought about uniform correct work. Peace and harmony reign, and the prospect of all the Lodges is bright for the future. The secretaries of all the Lodges are doing their work in a way nearly perfect.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: I visited this Lodge on Thursday, the 18th of April. I gave but short notice of my visit, wishing to see the work of the officers

without any special preparation. The Wor. Master conferred the second degree, assisted by Past Masters fairly well. The lecture in the first degree was given by the J. W., Bro. E. Flock, to a class, in a very efficient and correct manner. This Lodge is one of the strongest in the city, and suffers from the effects of the late fire, as the Lodge room they use at present is very small. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Overell, is one of the best in the District, and looks after the books with credit to himself and the Lodge.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: I visited the Cameron Lodge on Wednesday, the 3rd of April. I had given but short notice of my intended visit. Considering the damp night there was a good attendance. The first degree was conferred fairly well. The S. W. gave the lecture very well. The W. M. and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees, showing their need of more practice and study. The W. M. is well supported by able Past Masters, and the Lodge is enjoying prosperity, and harmony prevails. Future of the Lodge bright.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: Tuesday, April 2nd, after only giving them a short notice of my intended visit, wishing to see them at work as usually performed by the officers. The night was wet and not many members present, but the W. M. and his officers did their work well. Was very much pleased to meet W. Bro. M. Campbell, a very old member of the Lodge. The W. M. and the Secretary are brothers, and interested in the welfare of the Lodge. Prospects bright.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: I visited this Lodge on the 7th of December. The night was rather wet and the roads heavy, but enjoyed a very pleasant evening with the members present. After election of officers the W. Master and his officers opened and closed in the second and third in a fairly correct manner. The W. M. was presented with a beautiful P. M. apron. This Lodge is at present enjoying success, and harmony prevails. The interest taken by the Past Masters in the working of the Lodge, and the new officers elected, give promise of prosperity for the future.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: I visited this Lodge on the 4th of December. V. W. Bro Essery assisted me on this occasion, and other visiting brethren. This Lodge has not received any candidates this year,

but the Wor. Master and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees very correctly. Harmony prevailed during the election of officers. The prospects are very bright for this Lodge.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: My first official visit was paid to this Lodge on the 1st of November, and was royally and enthusiastically received by the W. M. and brethren. There was a very large gathering on this occasion, including many distinguished brethren. W. Bro. J. Couse and his officers conferred the first degree in a very correct and impressive manner. Old 44, as it is commonly called, has a very beautiful and large Lodge-room, well furnished. They have a large membership. P. D. D G. M. Dubber and other Past Masters take great interest in the Lodge work, making it very successful, and the books of R. W. Bro. Slater, the Secretary, are a credit to himself and the Lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: On the 5th of December I visited this Lodge. It being their election of officers, a large number of visiting brethren were present. The peace and harmony of this Lodge was displayed during the election, each officer being advanced a step higher by a unanimous vote. No work on the night of my visit. V. W. Bro. Ellis, the Secretary, keeps the books of the Lodge in first-class style. The prospects are bright and promising for the future.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: I visited this Lodge on the 30th of November and received a very cordial welcome. A number of Past Masters and visiting brethren were present. Election of officers was proceeded with, and the prospects of this Lodge are better. The W. M., Bro. S. Lewis, and his officers, opened and closed in the several degrees fairly well. I again visited this Lodge on the 23rd of April, when the W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree very well, also the W. M. of St. Paul's, No. 107, conferred the third degree. I was pleased to meet a number of the old Past Masters who had not been attending the Lodge very regularly. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. W. Harris is a member of this Lodge, but I did not have the pleasure of seeing him.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: I visited this Lodge May the 7th. No work on; also the W. M. was not present. The S. W., Bro. Reed, took the chair, and the S. W. of Union, No. 380, acted as S. W. They ac-

corded me a hearty and fraternal welcome. Among the visitors was W. Bro. Lawson, of Union. The officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a very correct manner. The Lodge has suffered from the W. M. not being able to attend. The S. W. will make a good master. The Secretary is a very good officer and P. M.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140: I visited this Lodge on the 2nd January and received a very fraternal welcome. The beautiful Lodge-room, well furnished, and the work of W. Bro. Cascadden and his officers in conferring the second and third degrees in a correct and impressive manner, made the occasion one to be long remembered by the members present. The standing of Malahide Lodge in the district is first-class in every way, full of good material.

Doric Lodge, No. 289: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 28th of February. The roads were very bad with snow, not many of the members present, which the Secretary told me had been the case during the year. The S. W. had not been installed owing to non-attendance. The W. M. and his officers opened and closed in the several degrees fairly well. This Lodge is financially good, and has a number of skilled Past Masters. The books are well taken care of by W. Bro. Dr. Graham.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344: On the 3rd of January I paid my official visit to this lodge. A number of visitors from surrounding Lodges and the city were present. Was received very cordially. There being no degree work, I asked the W. Master to open and close in the several degrees, which was well done. The books of the late secretary are causing some trouble to the members, which I hope will soon be made right. Prospects of the Lodge are better.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94: On the 12th of February I visited this Lodge. R. W. Bro. Dubber, W. Bro. Roe, Dr. F. K. Guest, W. Bro. Else anl other visiting brethren were present. The Wardens were not present, but the W. Master was well sustained by two P. M's and the work of conferring the second degree and opening and closing in the several degrees was done correctly. The W. M. and his officers were congratulated by all present.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388: I visited this Lodge on the 29th of April and received a very hearty welcome. Was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Capt. T. E.

Robson. There were a number of visiting brethren present. The work of the W. Master and his officers in opening and closing in the several degrees was well done. As there was no work the time was spent in some very interesting remarks from the visiting members.

On December 21st I had also the pleasure of attending a reunion of the members and their ladies. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, G.S.W., R. W. Bro. Brodrick and other invited guests were present. The address of the Grand Master on this occasion was exceedingly interesting and one long to be remembered.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190: On the 1st of March, accompanied by W. Bro. D. Bogue, W. Bro. D. Irwin and Bro. A. M. Hunt, I visited this Lodge. There were a number of visitors from other Lodges present. The Wor. Master and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a very creditable manner. The candidate for the third degree not being there, the evening was spent in having short addresses from the brethren. W. Bro. J. McMillan, the Secretary, keeps the books of the Lodge in a very neat and correct way. The prospects of the Lodge are bright.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302: I visited this Lodge on the 17th of January. A large number of members and visiting brethren were present. I was given a very honorable reception. The work of the Wor. Master, Bro. McConnell and his officers, was as perfect and correct as possible, showing great attention and study of the work. There were ten applications and four for restoration received on this occasion. In fact, the work of the evening in every detail from beginning to the end was a great success. Peace and prosperity reign supreme.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394. I visited this Lodge on the 27th of February, accompanied by W. Bro. J. W. Crinklaw, who looked up an old brother and got his application. The work of the evening, two second degrees, was well done by the W. Master and his officers. This Lodge is very prosperous. Peace and harmony dwell within their doors. Prospects of this Lodge are very bright for the future.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378: On the 14th of February I paid an official visit to this Lodge. A large number of members present, including R. W. Bro. J.

Simpson, and other P. M's. The W. Master conferred the second degree and opened in the third degree. The work was well done. This Lodge is trying to uphold her name in every way; enjoying prosperity; peace reigns; prospects bright for the future.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20: I visited this Lodge on the 8th of January and received a very hearty welcome. This is the oldest Lodge in the District, very old in membership, and financially wealthy. Peace and harmony prevail. The W. Master, Bro. O. Elwood and his officers conferred the first degree in a way of their own (the Irish work) very impressively. R. W. Bro. Greer and other Past Masters were present. All take great interest in their Lodge, making it very successful.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209 A, London: Friday, June 7th I visited this Lodge. There was a very large number of visitors present. Many were from the Military Camp, which was held in the city at this time. This was one of the largest meetings I attended this year. Received a very hearty welcome. Wor. Bro. Weldon conferred the third degree upon one candidate. It would do all the Masons in the District good to see the work done by this Lodge. They have 201 members. Financial standing good; first-class Secretary. Peace and prosperity are theirs.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: I visited this mother Lodge on the 30th of January. The Lodge-room was filled with members, and visiting brethren were present from nearly every Lodge in the District. The welcome given me on this occasion I shall never forget. The W. Master and his officers are very good and well up in the work and take a great interest in it. The Lodge is very prosperous. Peace and harmony reign.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330: On Tuesday, 5th of February, I visited this Lodge and was received in a very hearty and cordial manner. The Past Masters of this Lodge are workers. The W. Master and his officers do all their work in a very correct and impressive way. There were several presentations on this occasion, a P. M. Jewel to the I. P .M., life membership certificates to two returned members from South Africa. Peace and harmony reign. The Lodge is prosperous, and the great secret of their success is their delight to do honor to whom it is due.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: I visited this Lodge Wednesday, 1st May, and enjoyed a very pleasant time with the brethren. There being no work the W. Master, Bro. D. D. York and his officers opened and closed in the several degrees very well. The members of this Lodge are very enthusiastic, good workers. Prospects for the future bright.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379: Visited this Lodge on the 29th of May and received a hearty welcome from the members present. No work. The W. Master opened and closed fairly well in the several degrees. They have a very nice Lodge-room, well furnished, and are getting new regalia for the officers and are doing their best to make the meetings interesting.

The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: I visited The Tuscan Lodge May the 6th, and received a very honorable reception from the brethren present. The W. Master and his officers conferred the first degree very well. The books of the Lodge are well taken care of by R. W. Bro. Brodrick. Was well pleased with the work of the evening, and consider the prospects of the Lodge are bright for the future.

Union Lodge, No. 380: On the 12th of June this Lodge received a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It was also the night of my official visit. The Grand S. W. and a very great numer of distinguished brethren were present. Nearly all the Lodges in the District were represented. The work of the W. M. and his officers was very good. There was some trouble with the ballot boxes while balloting for a candidate, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master ordered all the City Lodges to procure new ballot boxes. This night will long be remembered by those present, and was a credit to W. B o. J. Lawson and his Lodge. The books are well taken care of by the Secretary.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the members of the Craft in the District for their uniform kindness and courtesy and support.

All of which is fraternally shbmitted,

JOHN THORNICROFT, D. D. G. M.,
London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year	Degree's conf'r'd. E. A.	Degree's conf'r'd. F. C.	Degree's conf'r'd. M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
20	St. John's...	London	169	12	6	11	9	9	...	...	1	2	...	3	13	6	19	25	$89 00	4	$ 300 00	Dec., 1900...	1st class	1st class	Yes		
380	Union	London	140	15	...	13	13	6	1	4	2	...	...	1	12	2	14	26	119 90	57	396 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes		
388	Henderson	Ilderton	41	1	...	1	3	5	...	1	1	1	...	...	14	4	18	20	30 00	17	103 75	Dec., 1900...	In Bank	Good	Yes	not stated	
358	Del'wre V'y	Delaware	44	6	...	3	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	12	20 00	14	34 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	$ 800 00	
64	Kilwinning	London	173	6	...	6	7	6	..	..	1	...	...	3	12	2	14	30	75 00	35	150 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes		
345	Nilestown..	Nilestown	25	...	2	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	10	...	10	11	...	6	12 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
195	TheTuscan	London	72	5	3	4	4	1	2	...	2	...	...	1	10	...	10	16	30 00	8	41 25	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	none.	
344	Merrill	Dorchest'r St'n	27	..	2	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	10	1	11	12	5 00			June, 1900...	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
171	Prin. Wales	Lawrence St'n	43	6	4	5	6	6	1	...	...	2	...	...	14	1	15	15				June, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	not stated	
379	Middlesex..	Bryanston	25	...	1	2	2	2	1	...	2	1	...	1	11	...	11	9		12	30 00	Dec., 1900...	Sound	Fair	Yes	250 00	
300	Mt. Olivet..	Thorndale	37	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	14	1	15	16	5 00	1	6 50	June, 1900...	V'ry good	Bright	Yes	600 00	
378	K'g S'l'mn's	London	68	8	8	8	5	5	...	1	1	4	...	3	12	2	14	30	40 00	10	70 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
232	Cameron ...	Dutton	43	9	...	7	7	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	4	15	15		10	53 50	Dec., 1000...	Good	Good	1&2	200 00	
107	St. Paul's...	Lambeth	63	7	1	7	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	14	22	35 00	5	40 00		1st class	V'ry good	Yes	1200 00
302	St. David's.	St. Thomas	143	41	...	26	21	18	5	10	...	...	...	...	14	19	33	40		10	50 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	185	23	11	16	12	13	7	1	3	6	...	2	14	11	25	41	63 38	24	75 00	June, 1901...	1st class	1st class	Yes	800 00	
190	Belmont ...	Belmont	30	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	11	12		11	86 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Fair	1&2	800 00	
394	K'g S'l'mn's	Thamesford	59	...	1	4	4	3	1	2	4	4	...	...	11	3	14	22	15 00	5	70 50	Dec , 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
289	Doric	Lobo	43	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	9	...	9	11		18	70 00	Dec., 1900...	All right	Fair	Yes	1000 00
140	Malahide...	Aylmer	91	9	5	6	9	7	3	...	...	2	...	3	15	5	20	25	104 00	3	5	60 July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
120	Warren.....	Fingal	37	4	1	4	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	10	1	11	10	5 00	7	13	25 Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
209a	St. John's...	London	201	7	...	11	8	9	4	1	...	2	...	2	12	5	17	57	58 20	40	235 00	June, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes		
399	Moffatt...	Harrietsville	27	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	12	5 00	7	70 90	June, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	none	
330	Corinthian	London	110	13	1	13	11	9	...	2	2	...	...	...	13	3	16	30	40 00	14	68 09	June, 1901...	Good	Good	All	500 00	
94	St. Mark's..	Port Stanley	41	3	...	3	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	15	5 00	11	11 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes		
42	St.George's	London	120	10	3	8	7	5	2	...	1	...	...	2	12	...	12	30	40 00	3	24 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	none	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth (South Huron) District for your consideration.

I desire to place upon record my sincere thanks to the brethren in the District for my election, after a most spirited contest, to the most important office in their gift, that of D. D. G. M., at the largest and most representative meeting of the District held for years. My election is due to entire absence of solicitation on my part, and the high esteem in which Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, is held by the brethren in the District. It is due that I should state my appreciation of the truly Masonic sympathy and courtesy extended alike by the brethren who opposed, as well as by those who supported my election, also for the cordial assistance given me invariably by every member, many of them my superiors in mental attainments and Masonic information, in the discharge of my duties, and to all for generously overlooking my many shortcomings and mistakes.

It was my sincere desire to discharge the trust reposed in me to the utmost of my ability, that at the close of my official term no discredit would be reflected on the choice of the District.

I am pleased to state that there is not a complaint of un-Masonic conduct to report, no deaths to mourn, and that the condition of Masonry is sound, prosperous, and by the merits of the members is attracting without solicitation the good and true in the vicinity of the respective Lodges. Quality is the determining condition requisite to admission.

I have visited each Lodge in the District once, some of them twice, and endeavored to impress on the officials the absolute necessity, by frequent rehearsals, better perfection in their work, an acquirement of a reverent and impressive delivery of their respective parts by proper attention to elocutionary rules. To study carefully

the Constitution of the fraternity, the By-laws of their respective Lodges, and that the teachings of our Order invariably lay four square with those of the volume of the Sacred Law, drawing particular attention to the fundamental principles of our Order, as the goal every brother should strive to attain, and charging all to give practical effect in their lives to those excellent teachings learned at our altars, so that all may know that a good man and a Mason are synonomous terms, were pressed home by me in every Lodge-room.

Solicitation of any kind was always condemned, and in this I had the hearty approval of every member in the district. I advised careful consideration of the character of each applicant, a faithful discharge of the committee's duty, and a sacred use of the ballot by the individual members, with the object of sifting out the unworthy and of rewarding the meritorious.

It was pointed out that the surest and safest method to increase the membership of any Lodge was by carefully teaching each accepted applicant the noble lessons of morality, illustrated by our symbols, and contained in our obligations, invocations and charges; to teach them thoroughly and repeatedly all the steps, signs, grips, questions and obligation of each degree before advancing to a higher one.

That after all, being letter perfect in our ritualistic work did not constitute a good Mason, but rather a successful attainment in character building, in improvement of mental and moral faculties and in earnest endeavors to merit at the final call to each a right of admission to the Grand Master's presence above.

With your permission I would recommend the following:

1. An absolute divorce of liquor from all Masonic gatherings. Personally I have very little to complain. Of excess there was absolutely none at any of my visits. The direction indicated being the corrective, I simply desire to accentuate our rate of improvement. Of course this involves an entire separation of the hotel and Masonic Hall. There should be no connection whatever.

2. That there be two Lodges of Instruction held in the District each Masonic year, one at Stratford, the other at Seaforth and Clinton alternately. These points possess the requisite advantages of position and railway

facilities. The expenses should be borne by the District, and not entirely by the Lodges at the places named.

3. Installation should be on June 24th in each year. The advantages, on little reflection, will be evident to all.

4. That an arrangement be made at once for the election of D. D. G. M's, to give each Lodge an opportunity of electing a representative to that position. That a cycle of four years obtain, as follows: The representative for three years to be chosen from the Lodges outside the city of Stratford, and for the fourth year by a Lodge of that city. The Masonic year ending 1901 be the first in that cycle, and the preference be given Lodges yet unrepresented. This plan will prevent undue rivalry, put the P. M's in the District on their metal, and improve the standing of Masonry in the District. I recommend it with confidence, as I am certain that each Lolge with one year's notification can prepare a P. M., fitted in all respects to shed lustre upon the highest office in the gift of the brethren.

I began my official visits on April 1st. By arrangement made with the W. M. of Britannia Lodge at Exeter on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master to Lebanon Forest Lodge, I visited Britannia on the above date and was received and entertained most kindly by the officers and brethren. The first degree was exemplified by W. M. L. Jackson, impressively, accurately, and effectively. The Wardens, Deacons, and other officers gave evidence throughout of commendable attention to the ritualistic details so necessary to the proper opening, closing, and conferring of the degrees. The Lodge-room is a model of modern Masonic taste. Being amply supplied with electric appliances, the officers are enabled to exemplify, impressively, many points of Masonry otherwise not obtainable. Britannia has an able staff of officers. The W. M. and Wardens are enthusiastic and well qualified. The Deacons prompt, accurate and intelligent. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. Reed, P. D. D. G. M., is painstaking and well posted on the financial standing of the Lodge. He has received from his predecessor a set of books, remarkable for clearness of statement, attention to details, prominence given to the important work of each meeting, cleanness, and legibility that it is questionable if they are excelled by any other set of books in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge owes much to P. M.

Rev. Bro. Hodgins, and the Secretary, J. H. Reid. Rev. N. Shaw, of Egmondville, was present, a visitor from one of the Essex Lodges.

I visited Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell, at an emergent meeting kindly called for me, April 2nd. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a very fair attendance. The financial standing of this Lodge, and its prospects for the future are very satisfactory, owing very largely to its faithful Secretary, to P. M. Elliot's untiring zeal in smoothing differences and his efforts in wiping out its indebtedness, and to genial W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M., who shines alike in exemplifying Masonry and gracing the banqueting board. A candidate for the first degree was initiated very impressively, the officers evincing accuracy and intelligent appreciation in their respective parts of the ceremony. The presence of W. Bro. P. M. Malcolm, of Stratford; Rev. Bro. Kerrin, of Mitchell,; the correct and impressive delivery of the lecture by the Junior Warden, the interesting discussion on several points in the initiation ceremony, and duties of the several officers, particularly of the deacons, and the fact the father of the candidate was present, contributed much to the pleasure and interest of the meeting.

I visited Clinton Lodge, No. 84, on April 5th, their regular meeting, and was most kindly received and entertained by the brethren. Knowing that the almost impassable condition of the roads would prevent the attendance of many brethren from the country, and that the holiday season would induce many of the town brethren to avail themselves of the excursion rates, I was prepared to expect a much smaller attendance than that which greeted me, and was particularly pleased to see two brethren who had driven over seven miles to be present. The ability and rapidity in the despatch of business, the knowledge of the Constitution and By-laws, its financial standing, combined with the accuracy of the officials in exemplifying Masonic ceremonies, place Clinton Lodge among the best in the District. The Wor. Master, Bro. McLean, displays sound judgment in his rulings and considerable tact in dealing with Constitutional points. He opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, exemplified the first, and was accurate and impressive throughout. He is assisted by a most efficient staff of officers. The Junior Warden's lecture was well rendered. The Senior Warden and

both Deacons deserve special mention for the excellency of their work. The Lodge is much indebted to the constant interest of R. W. Bro. Dr. Shaw and P. M. Bro. Fair. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge on June 24th. The W. M., Bro. Hover, will no doubt maintain Clinton's high reputation, and Bro. Porter will certainly verify the predictions of his friends that he will prove a most efficient successor to the very able retiring Secretary, Bro. Spalding.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, was visited officially on April 9th. There was a fair attendance. The first degree was exemplified very satisfactorily, all the officers proving themselves very efficient. An interesting discussion arose over the interpretation of several points in the initiation ceremony, and though some of the members differed from the D. D. G. M's ruling, all at parting heartily united in the Junior Warden's toast. The Master, Bro. Dann, is an enthusiastic Mason, doing his work well. The Secretary, Bro. Matheson, is a painstaking official, possessing a most remarkable fund of Masonic knowledge, and is particularly well posted in the history of Irving Lodge. This Lodge has an old guard, who were faithful in all exigencies, some of whom it was my good fortune to meet that evening, Bros. Fox, Mordie, and Matheson. There were others I desired to see who were unavoidably absent. The new blood that sustains the burden to-day would be a credit to any Lodge. Among the many very valuable young men who are now officially connected with the fortunes of Irving are the Junior Warden, Dr. Orme, who delivered his lecture admirably; Bro. Stewart, who acted as Junior Deacon for the evening, and Bro. Campbell Banker. This latter class claims five university graduates. It is a question to which class Irving owes the most. As both work harmoniously its prospects are certainly bright. This Lodge is named after Æmilius Irving, the eminent King's Counsel, in whose veins runs the blood of men valiant on Britain's battlefields—a father at Waterloo, a granduncle at the Plains of Abraham. Two of his sons are in South Africa, and another a judge of the Supreme Court in B. C. The eminent brother was D. D. G. M. in 1862, having been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, in 1844. His territory extended from Galt to Southampton, and from Goderich to Lucan—a task of very considerable magni-

tude in the days characterized by a marked absence of railway accommodation. I was pleased to meet with P. D. D. G. M. Dawson, and Bro. McLeod, from Parkhill. The memory of R. W. Bro. Irving is kept green by his constant interest in its affairs, and by the beautiful volume of the Sacred Law presented by him many years ago.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 10th, at an emergent meeting kindly called for me, and was kindly received by the brethren, who well understood how to royally entertain a visiting brother. The first degree was fairly well exemplified. The officers during a conversational examination proved to possess considerable acquaintance with their duties. The material here is of good quality, and by a little attention to ritualistic details would no doubt stand high in Masonic knowledge and practice. Bro. Hutchens presents a most admirable set of books, and is certainly the right man in the right place. After closing down we repaired to the banqueting room, where a most enjoyable hour was spent. A quartette enlivened the evening with patriotic songs, delighting all present. P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Dawson is an entertainer of high order.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: On April 19th I visited this Lodge, the evening of their regular meeting. The reception, the kindness, the courtesy of the brethren tendered me will be cherished as a happy memento. The attendance of members and visitors was large. A candidate, so excellently prepared that the most rigid examination failed to detect any failure of memory or appreciation of any part of the degrees already conferred. This candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by W. Bro. Crowforth and his able staff of officers. The work, judged from any standpoint, such as fidelity to ritualistic usage, conveying forcibly and intelligently by elocutionary device a correct interpretation of the beauty of thought contained in our sublime ceremony, freedom from hesitancy or undue haste in utterance, must be pronounced satisfactory in all respects. The Junior Warden's lecture, the charge by P. M. Malcolm, and the impressive and reverent rendering of the invocation by R. W. Bro. McClellan, are each deserving special mention. Tecumseh is specially proud and justly so of its many Past

Masters, who are distinguished by extensive and thorough knowledge of Masonry. This discussion of many points raised by examination of officials and questions asked by the members was participated in by R. W. Bros. Mooney and McClellan, P. D. D. G. M's., P. M's. Malcolm and McKellar, and other brethren whose names have escaped my memory. I have had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Mooney at several of the meetings, and invariably received his co-operation.

I visited Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, on April 24th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. P. M. John Wilson, of Morning Star Lodge. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, and the degree exemplified, considering that some of the officers were absent, was fairly well done. The substitutes for the evening, however, proved to be fairly efficient in the duties of the offices which they filled pro tem. As I am a frequent visitor to Maitland Lodge, my report of efficiency is based upon their standing at the several visits. W. Bro. Porter is quite familiar with the work devolving on the W. Master of a Lodge. P. M. Tye, R. W. Bro. Beck, P. D. D. G. M., and other P. M's., are to be commended for their untiring zeal in the interests of Maitland Lodge. The financial standing is fair, owing to the efforts of the Wor. Master and his faithful secretary. The increase of membership for nine months of the Masonic year has been very fair, and now in the closing months the applications are coming in very rapidly and are of a very satisfactory character. Early in the next Masonic year Maitland Lodge will move into their new, elegant, and commodious hall.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: I had the pleasure of visiting this really excellent Lodge twice. The first visit was on February 4th, to assist the brethren doing honor to the M. W. the G. M., who visited the Exeter brethren that night, and delighted them with an able exposition of the grand principles of Masonry. My official visit was at their regular April meeting. A candidate for the first degree was faultlessly initiated. A thorough discussion of many points in the ceremony, and of the duties of the officers ensued, nearly all present taking an active part. The officials of Lebanon Forest are certainly as brainy a lot as can be met with in any Lodge, all taking pride in having their work letter perfect. Depending entirely upon the regular order of pro-

motion, this Lodge is assured of having able Masters for many years to come. W. Bro. Gowan is a model Master, assisted by very able Wardens, Deacons, and Inside Guard. The elocutionary and debating ability of the members of Lebanon Forest are of a very high order. P. M. Wor. Bro. Stewart's interest in its behalf is very active.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill: I visited this lodge, with which I affiliated in 1884, at their regular meeting, May 1st. A very large number of the brethren and visitors from Goderich, also from Mount Brydges and Brantford, assembled to do honor to the representative of the Grand Master. The reception tendered me was certainly most kind, and the favorable comments on the address, examination of the officers, and the rulings on the points discussed, were very flattering. I was pleased to meet P. M. W. Bro. Dr. Brice, of Mount Brydges, who delivered the charge to the candidate; D. Durnin, a graduate of McGill, Montreal, from Brantford Lodge; W. Bro. Porter, R. W. Bro. Jos. Bick, Bro. McD. Allen, J. T. Ganin, and many others from Maitland Lodge, with whom Morning Star has for many years been most closely united in Masonic bonds of unity and peace. A candidate for the first degree was initiated by W. Bro. Young in a very creditable manner. The Wor. Master has a fund of Masonic knowledge, a happy tact in disposing of difficulties, rare executive ability, and the respect of all the members, consequently is equalled by few Wor. Masters in the district. Lieut.-Col. Varcoe is a most efficient Secretary, and with Wor. Bro. P. M. John Wilson, the Treasurer, he keeps the financial standing of the Lodge in good shape. There is no member of Morning Star who has given more of his time, more of his ability, or has attended more regularly than Wor. Bro. P. M. Robertson, who is ready at any time to occupy any position in the Lodge with credit to himself. Morning Star Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to P. M. Robertson that is hard to repay. The Junior Warden, Bro. Besset, delivered the Junior Warden's lecture in a manner equal to any I have heard in the District. He is able, since being installed in December, 1900, to confer any of the degrees, a result of the requirement demanded of candidates, viz., to be thoroughly prepared before advancement, the obligation, the grips steps, words and all the signs being rigidly demanded.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited this prosperous, enthusiastic, and really excellent Lodge on May 3rd. The attendance was very fair, the reception most courteous, and the interest in the discussion of many points very gratifying to me. A very good candidate, well prepared, and intelligent, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Wor. Bro. Cook and his able staff of officers, with one slight exception, in all manner in all respects equal to the splendid exemplification by Tecumseh Lodge. Wor. Bro. H. J. D. Cook is an excellent Master, thorough, painstaking, intelligent and very clear in all his rulings, which are characterized by remarkable rapidity and correct judgment. The S. Warden, Dr. Campbell, who had the reputation of being one of the best J. W's in the District, has fairly earned a similar reputation since his promotion to the S.W's chair. The present J. W. and Deacons are very able officers, being quite proficient in their parts. This Lodge is growing rapidly since its removal from Zurich to Hensall. It has certainly attracted a number of the best intellects in its new home, and its prospects for the future are certainly good. Zurich Lodge is excelled by no other Lodge in its interest in Masonry, and the desire to become proficient in all respects.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg: My official visit to this Lodge occurred May 6th. At this meeting the most animated and interesting discussion on Masonry, the rights of unaffiliated brethren, and duties of officers, that I had the pleasure of participating in in any Lodge, arose at the conclusion of my address. Every point was thoroughly and intelligently threshed out. The opening and closing in the different degrees, and the exemplification of the first were in many respects very satisfactory. There are some defects that the officers can easily amend, and I have no doubt that the next D. D. G. M. will find the work improved in all cases where I have pointed out a deficiency. The reception tendered me and the unbounded hospitality displayed at the elegant and tasty banquet at one of the hotels will be always recalled with pleasure. The kindness and assistance of P. M. Holley, Dr. Mordie, and others were freely mine, and I could most heartily join the brethren of New Dominion in "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: I visited this Lodge

officially May 7, accompanied by several of the brethren from New Dominion Lodge. As at New Hamburg the previous evening, the proficiency of the officers in each degree was ascertained by a most rigid examination. Not wishing to lengthen this unduly I proposed to close the examination, but was induced by the brethren to continue. Many of them said it was a novel and pleasing way to discharge the duties of a D. D. G. M., as well as productive of more good than by making all his criticisms at the close of the evening, an opinion in which I most heartily concur. Many points in Masonic jurisprudence and degree work were thoroughly discussed. The degree work was very fair, and the Master and his Wardens quite proficient. Wor. Bro. Dr. Butler is an excellent Master, doing his work at this visit under considerable difficulty, being far from well. Bro. S. W., J. Livingston, proved to be an excellent official. The same can be said of the brother occupying the J. W's chair. The brethren royally entertained me, and it will be a pleasure to visit these whole-souled brethren at Baden and at New Hamburg.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: My official visit to this Lodge occurred on May 9th. The inclemency of the weather, no doubt, prevented many members from being present, however, the attendance was very fair. The first degree was called for. As at other meetings in the District, the discussion on the ceremonies was interesting. The Master, the S. W. and J. W. were each very effective. The lecture by the J. W. was delivered with very considerable effect. The officers of St. James Lodge, assisted by its earnest P. M's, have succeeded in making great improvements in the quality of work done in previous years, judging from the reports given by my predecessors. It is just to say that the improvement appears to have been developing for some time. The prediction of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. H. Reid, is amply verified in 1901. St. James will rank among the first-class Lodges in the District. Masonic ritualistic perfection is the price of eternal attention.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on May 13th. There was a very fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. This is a very prosperous, enterprising and popular Lodge. A candidate was duly initiated into

the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by W. Bro. Jeffreys, in a manner proving his perfect acquaintance and appreciation of an impressive first degree. One of the Wardens is Principal of the Collegiate Institute, and was unavoidably detained by a meeting of the School Board until near the close of the meeting, when his silver tongue added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The other Warden, the Church of England clergyman, incumbent at Stratford, was engaged in church services. The substitutes appointed by Bro. Jeffreys were really excellent. The Deacons in this Lodge, as in Tecumseh, are absolutely correct in discharging their duties. Their movements are characterized by military precision, and most certainly add very much to the smoothness and impressiveness of conferring degrees so noticeably in the work of the Stratford brethren. A spirited discussion arose over the powers vested in the J. W. Several visitors took an active part in this debate. One brother from Ingersoll especially suggested many explanations and improvements, which were highly commended. R. W. Bro. Mooney and P. M's McKellar, Malcolm and others represented the sister Lodge of the classic city.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on June 4th. The interest in Masonry has not been so pronounced in this Lodge for the past two years as heretofore, but the material here is capable of rousing a commendable enthusiasm in efforts to become proficient in Masonic ritualism that by slight effort on the part of the members Blyth Lodge would be amongst the leaders in the District. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by Rt. Wor. Bro. Tiernay and his excellent staff of officers, each exhibiting a very fair degree of proficiency. The lecture by the J. W. and the charge by W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette, a P. M., whose interest in his Lodge is constant and helpful, were really excellent features of the evening. Blyth Lodge possesses many earnest members, a proficient Master, and an excellent Secretary in V. W. Bro. James M. Hamilton. Its prospects for success is fair, its standing in Masonic knowledge good, and its financial position satisfactory.

In conclusion, I tender my thanks to officers of the various Lodges, and can truly say that the brethren exercised commendable judgment in their selections. I am under a debt of gratitude to the Master and Secretaries

for kindness and assistance I never can repay. For my successor I bespeak for him a repetition of the assistance and courtesy extended me. Let us stand formally on the fundamental principles of our Order, invoke the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, and rely upon his promises to crown what is good and true in each with more than abundant success.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. E. MUNRO, D. D. G. M.
South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No 4, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership.			Degre's Conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
144	Tecumseh.	Stratford	119	14	6	10	6	4	4	1	2	4	...	...	13	5	18	33	$33 00	16	$ 140 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	$1500 00
84	Clinton	Clinton	59	7	...	3	1	1	1	2	6	6	...	1	14	0	14	20	20 00	6	43 75	June, 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
70	Britannia	Seaforth	88	...	...	3	3	2	...	...	3	...		...	13	..	18	20	25 00	...	70 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	63	18	..	2	4	16	2	1	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	20	15 00	2	11 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	
141	Tudor	Mitchell	44	...	7	1	1	1	...	...	5	3	...	...	13	...	13	18	5 00	8	55 00	June, 1901...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
73	St. James	St. Mary's	72	6	...	8	9	8	1	3	4	...	...	2	12	5	17	16	10 00	7	72 70	June, 1900...	Excell'nt	Good.	Yes	500 00
233	Doric	Parkhill	43	..	2	1	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	8	3	11	15	5 00	5	30 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
33	Maitland	Goderich	115	..	...	14	10	8	1	...	2	12	...	1	11	7	18	34	71 50	22	148 55	June, 1900...	Fair.	Good.	Yes	800 00
133	Leban'n Forest	Exeter	67	2	5	2	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	2	11	1	12	15		17	50 50	June, 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	450 00
154	Irving	Lucan	55	7	2	6	6	6	1	1	1	...	...	1	13	1	14	14	5 00	14	36 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
309	Morn'g Star	Smith's Hill (Cldk)	49	2	...	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	20	15 25	20	1 5 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	81	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	12				July, 1900...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	350 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	157	10	...	7	2	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	12	...	...	12				Jan., 1901...	Good.	Good.	Yes	
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	36	2	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	14	11	15 00		8 50	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	
318	Wilmot	Baden	No report received.																							

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontaro :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report upon the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

When I was, a year ago, unanimously selected by my brethren as the choice of the District for the high office of representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, I felt that a signal honor had been conferred upon me and, in endeavoring to follow, at all acceptably, in the footsteps of a long line of distinguished predecessors, I was conscious of undertaking a most difficult task. Confident of the good will and kindly co-operation of my brethren, I, nevertheless, entered upon my duties with some trepidation but with a determination to do my share in furthering the interests of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction allotted to me.

I did not avail myself of the privilege accorded by the Constitution of appointing either a District Secretary or Chaplain. As no benefit accrued to a brother so designated either by way of a step in rank or otherwise, my previous experience in other official situations and under similar conditions led me to prefer doing my own clerical work and, as regards the Chaplain, I saw nothing for him to do.

Immediately following the confirmation of my appointment, I placed myself in communication with every Lodge in the District, urging promptness in their correspondence and directing especial attention to certain portions of the Constitution which required close observance.

I was, at the outset, favored with several valuable suggestions by the M. W. the Grand Master with a view towards perfecting the system, establishing uniformity and perpetuating harmony in the District. These suggestions I have endeavored carefully to carry into effect.

Last year it was reported that in the 19 Districts of the Grand Lodge only three general Lodges of Instruction

had been held. I determined following my own desire, and in accordance with the wish of the M. W. the Grand Master, that, during my term of office, the Fifth Masonic District should not be delinquent in this respect. I believed that, in the interests of the Craft, the brethren should be called together at an early date for conference and mutual instruction, so that the work of the year might be profitably commenced and, by the interchange of opinions, a renewed impetus would be given to the operations of the Lodges. Acting upon that belief I am pleased to report that during the year I have held in this District

TWO GENERAL LODGES OF INSTRUCTION,

both of which were very satisfactory and successful. The first was held under the auspices of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, at Listowel, on Thanksgiving Day (October 18th), 1900. The location of the Lodges and the train service in this District render a general conference of the brethren very inconvenient. Listowel, which is at one extreme corner is, strange to say, the only available point which may be reached and from which all Lodges may return the same day. I arranged the work so that it was all completed by 6 p.m. Fourteen of the 19 Lodges in the District were well represented and the attendance numbered nearly 100. R. W. Bros. D. E. Munro, D. D. G. M. of the South Huron District, and Wm. Cowan, D. D. G. M. of the Wellington District, paid me the compliment of being present, and in addition to their valuable assistance I was reinforced by R. W. Bros. Dr. DeWitt H. Martyn, Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell and Thos. Pinkerton, P. D. D. G. M's. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson and officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, the second by W. Bro. A. St. George Hawkins and officers of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, and the third by W. Bro. Henry Collins and officers of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. The ceremonial in each case was admirably rendered and the Lodges concerned were complimented on their excellent performances. At the close of each degree questions thereon were submitted to and answered by a committee composed of the R. W. brethren present and myself. The brethren of Bernard Lodge were unremitting in their efforts to render the occasion an enjoyable one. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, P. M.

and then Secretary of the Lodge, was most indefatigable and contributed largely to the success of the meeting. It was a great disappointment to the brethren that the M. W. the Grand Master, who had been expected, was unable to be present.

The Second Lodge of Instruction was held at Walkerton on 5th April, 1901 (Good Friday), under the auspices of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, the executive of which very kindly placed their rooms at my disposal for the purpose. My object was especially to suit the convenience of the brethren who had been unable to attend the first Lodge of Instruction. This object, I am glad to say, was successfully accomplished and these Lodges sent full delegations. Upwards of 50 people attended the proceedings. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Wm. Barnett and officers of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley, the second by W. Bro. W. H. Johns and officers of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton, and the third by V. W. Bros. C. F. Harris and Henry Clark and officers of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton. The work was most creditable and showed evidence of careful preparation. Questions and answers in the several degrees were satisfactorily disposed of according to the plan adopted at Listowel.

In both cases the brethren returned home well pleased with what they had seen and heard and satisfied with the information which they had received.

I feel assured that much good has been accomplished by these gatherings and, from a local point of view, I can report that their object has been as well attained as could be expected. More certain results would, however, in my opinion, accrue were some provision made by which each District Lodge of Instruction would be attended by some highly skilled brother such as M. W. Bro. Murray, P. G. M., specially selected by the Grand Lodge, recognized as the authority on all unwritten work and whose decisions on all points would be accepted without question. The presence of such an officer would do more than any other agency to secure perfect uniformity among the Lodges. It seems to me that the suggestion is worthy the consideration of Grand Lodge.

BY-LAWS.

I made a point of examining the By-laws of the Lodges and found that in several cases, as hereinafter

noted, the editions of the By-laws have not only become exhausted but are of such ancient date as to necessitate complete revision. This is now being undertaken, and ere long the local government of the Lodges in this District will not only conform to the present Constitution but will be guided by rules uniformly modern in their character. During the year the following have been submitted to me for the approbation of the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

4th October, 1900, Northern Light Lodge, No. 93—Revision.

15th December, 1900, Cedar Lodge, No. 396—Amendments.

4th June, 1901, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131—Amendment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The clerical work of my office has been considerable. In order to keep in touch with the work of the District I have found it necessary to communicate frequently with the Lodges. This has been a real pleasure and the character of the correspondence has been of the most pleasant description. I have to acknowledge the promptness with which my enquiries have been replied to and in this connection I am under obligations to the M. W. the Grand Master for his courtesy and assistance.

Apart from the formal sanction required for the purposes of the District Lodges of Instruction, I have issued the following dispensations to enable the Lodges named to appear in processions, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending Divine service, as under, viz.:

11th June, 1901, Moravian, No. 431, service 23rd June, 1901; 15th June, 1901, St. John's, No. 284, service 23rd June, 1901; 15th June, 1901, Cedar, No. 396, service 30th June, 1901; 18th June, 1901, Old Light, No. 184, service 23rd June, 1901, and have duly remitted the fees therefor to the Grand Secretary.

ARREARS OF DUES.

The number of members in arrear for dues continues to be noticeable, but the Secretaries have taken up this matter with zeal and report a gradual reduction in the amount outstanding.

DEATHS.

I regret to have the melancholy duty of reporting the removal by death of several prominent and valued mem-

bers of the Craft. Among those of which I have official notice are the following: R. W. Bro. W. R. Telford, No. 197, P. D. D. G. M., 6th Sept., 1900; V. W. Bro. H. P. O'Connor, No. 197, G. Supt. of Works, 13th Sept., 1900; W. Bro. Andrew Hamilton, No. 362, P. M., 6th Aug., 1900; Bro. Robert Millons, No. 197, 11th Aug., 1900; Bro. Franklin S. Jennings, No. 396, 14th Oct., 1900; Bro. J. A. Creighton, No. 284, 25th March, 1901; Bro. Wm. Collins, No. 197, 20th April, 1901; Bro. Morton Atkinson, No. 431, 25th Dec., 1900.

TOPICS URGED AT LODGE MEETINGS.

In addition to my endeavors to render uniform the procedure and ceremonial of the Lodges I have, in my official visitations, taken occasion to impress upon them the importance of the following duties, viz.:

1. Punctuality and regularity of meetings.
2. Extreme care in admission of candidates.
3. Frequent rehearsal of the examinations by the members generally.
4. Perfection in the Ritual on the part of the officers.
5. A like knowledge by them of the Constitution.
6. Reciprocal visitations, where practicable, between Lodges.
7. The reclamation of unaffiliated and suspended brethren.
8. The insurance of Lodge property.

These features I feel to be of the greatest importance in securing the stability and progress of the Lodges, and I am glad to say that my remarks on these lines were universally endorsed and appreciated.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have made at least one official visit to each of the 19 Lodges in the District. I have found it necessary, in some instances, to arrange emergent meetings for this purpose, and my wishes in this respect were cheerfully complied with. The cordiality and attention accorded to me everywhere were most marked and have left upon my memory a very pleasant and, I am sure, a lasting recollection of my official connection with the District. In all cases my expenses were promptly attended to. Following is a resume of my visitations, which is given in the order of the Lodge warrants:

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: This being my mother Lodge, and always making it my duty as well as my pleasure to attend its meetings regularly, I have had many opportunities of noting the character of the work done and of observing the capabilities of the officers. This is the senior Lodge in the District, and many of the most active Craft workers throughout the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge first saw Masonic Light within its confines. Instituted in 1858, Northern Light has seen many vicissitudes in its own progress and many changes in the personnel of its memebrs. Its minutes, which are complete since its first meeting and have been preserved intact, form a very interesting portion of Craft history in this part of the Province. Uniformly the progress of the Lodge has been successful, and it has sustained a well-deserved reputation for excellent rendering of the ritual, attention to visiting brethren and the exemplification of the "fourth" degree. For many years it has been one of the most liberal contributors to benevolence, having for a protracted period several worthy brethren who were largely dependent upon the general charity. Following its annual custom a Craft reunion was held on the date of the regular meeting, Dec. 5, last, which was attended by upwards of 100 brethren, many of them of high rank in the fraternity. I had the pleasure of introducing M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, G. S. W., who entertained the Lodge with very interesting addresses. The M. W. the Grand Master conducted the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of W. Bro. Henry Collins, W. M., and his staff. A banquet of a most recherche description, was given which was enlivened by music and an excellent toast list. I visited the Lodge officially at its regular meeting on 2nd January, 1901. The work done was of a routine character, though from personal knowledge and observation I am able to certify to the skill and efficiency of W. Bro. Collins and his officers in all branches of the ceremonies. The annual report of the Lodge Board of General Purposes showed a very satisfactory state of the finances, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being $357.95, and the value of assets in excess of liabilities was $3,810. Nnmerically the Lodge has about 100 members, and I am very glad to report a very active interest among them in Lodge affairs, the average attendance for the

year being from 30 to 35. The books of Bro. R. D. Hall, Secretary, and V. W. Bro. E. Fox, Treasurer, are models of neatness and complete detail. These brethren have for many years filled their respective offices with such satisfaction as to stamp them permanent landmarks of Northern Light. The Lodge owns its building, its appointments are comfortable and ample, and in connection it has a spacious refreshment room fully equipped. The social feature is cultivated, and it is a pleasure to the Lodge to entertain its visitors. Considerable expense has recently been incurred in placing a new foundation and making other needed repairs to the building.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: Ranking second in point of seniority among the Lodges in the District, St. Lawrence Lodge has a history of which the members may well be proud. The early struggle for existence, as recited to me by one of the charter members, is very interesting. Its warrant bears date 1st December, 1860. On the 27th February, 1901, at an emergent meeting, I made my official inspection. Despite the almost impassable state of the roads at the time, nearly 50 brethren greeted me, including visitors from Port Elgin, Harriston, etc. The Lodge building and property, which are well isolated, are owned by the Lodge and are now in excellent condition and comfortably furnished. W. Bro. Dr. P. J. Scott, the W. M., and his complete staff opened and closed in the several degrees and conferred the second degree upon a candidate. The whole work was performed in a manner most creditable to all concerned, and I took occasion to compliment the Lodge and the W. M. upon their high standard of efficiency. The repetition of the Tracing Board Lecture by the S. W. and the impressive delivery of the charge by the W. M. deserved and received honorable mention. The buildings and equipment are well insured. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were satisfactory and in good order. I was very glad to notice the attention to details manifested by both officers and members in the routine and ceremonial work. This is a certain index of earnestness and accuracy. On the Lodge being closed I was entertained by the brethren at a banquet at the Commercial Hotel, the excellence of which could not be too highly praised. The W. M. and V. W. Bro. Dundas were unremitting in their successful efforts to render the occasion enjoyable both for the brethren and myself.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: This Lodge, which was established in the early years of the District's existence, has the honor of being the mother Lodge of very many brethren who have become shining lights in other Lodges which have been subsequently instituted in adjacent localities. It still embraces in its membership many warm-hearted brethren who evince a live interest in the Craft. I selected it as my first objective point, and on the 28th November, 1900, I made an official visit to an emergent meeting called for that purpose. I had not previously met any of the members Masonically and it was, therefore, significant that on this, my first request for official admission into the meeting places of the brethren, I was required to establish my right to recognition and my identity with the Craft. I was, however, much pleased with this feature, as it enabled me to see, by a practical illustration, the methods adopted by a Board of Trial in this Lodge. The brethren selected performed their duties with skill, and on being introduced I was received in a very fitting and courteous manner. I found, to my regret, that, owing to various causes, chiefly lack of work, the meetings of the Lodge had not been regularly held and that this was actually the first occasion on which the members had been called together since the installation of officers in the month of June previously. The recent removal to Lucan of W. Bro. Barnard, P. M., a most active and zealous pillar of the Lodge, contributed also to depress the zeal of the members. However, in my address I pointed out the necessity for regularity and punctuality in their meetings and suggested various means of making their assemblies interesting and instructive. I had the assurance of the members, who received my remarks in the kindliest spirit, that there would be no cause for complaint on this score in the future. The W. M., W. Bro. Robert Miller, who is a prominent County Councillor, opened and closed the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. Thomas Brown, is a Past Master of the Lodge and fully capable of performing his important duties. The attendance on this occasion was not large, but those who were present were brethren who can be relied upon to further the interests of the Lodge. The Lodge-room and appointments are very comfortable and modern in their character and arrangement. The property is kept reasonably well insured. The books are

in good hands, and from the evidences of renewed interest which were apparent I have no doubt that an era of old-time prosperity is in store for Forest Lodge.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on 31st January, 1901. A heavy snow storm was in progress, which prevented the attendance of many brethren from a distance. As it was, fully 30 brethren were present, and I was delighted to find the Lodge busy with work. A candidate was in waiting for initiation and another applicant received a favorable ballot. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. Tennant, P. D. D. G. M., and was cordially welcomed by the W. M., W. Bro. Isaac Morrison and the members of the Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was very creditable to all concerned. The Tracing Board Lecture by Bro. Lawrie, an experienced Craftsman and recent addition to the Lodge, and the viva voce delivery of the charge by W. Bro. Patterson could hardly be excelled both in acuracy and impressiveness. The W. M. too, has a capital delivery, and not only has a grasp of his work but he is also a good ruler of the Lodge. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner to deserve my warm commendation. The books of the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Harry Days, I need not say, were examples of neatness and thoroughness. The Treasurer's books, in the hands of W. Bro. Patterson, were also in good order. The Auditors' Report showed a balance at the credit of the Lodge of $93. The Lodge-room is small, though well appointed, and its walls are graced by a large number of framed portraits of the early members. The Lodge owns one-half of the building in which it meets and keeps it well insured. It is somewhat inconveniently situated, being at some distance from the business portion of the village, but as the members have assembled there since the institution of the Lodge in July, 1867, they have become accustomed to the travel. The Lodge had then promise of many months work. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to McGarry's Hotel, where a splendid banquet was thoroughly appreciated. An hour was quietly but enjoyably spent by the company, and out of respect to the memory of the departed Queen, whose remains were not then interred, the usual toast list and other like festivities were called off.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: In the shadow

of the deepest sorrow which has ever befallen the British Empire, I met the brethren of Saugeen Lodge at Walkerton at an emergent communication on Tuesday evening, 22nd January, 1901. The passing of our beloved sovereign, Queen Victoria, which occurred the same evening had, as should be expected, a most depressing effect upon the large assemblage of brethren who had gathered in the capacious and comfortable Lodge-room. With much good taste the altar and other appointments had been appropriately draped in mourning. Nearly 60 registered, the Lodge membership being creditably represented, while I was delighted to observe a large number of visiting brethren from neighboring Lodges and also my colleagues and fellow-craftsmen in the Bruce County Council then in session. I am especially grateful to R. W. Bro. (now Hon.) Dr. Landerkin, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. John Mitchell, G. Supt. of Works, for their kindness in coming over from Hanover to bid me welcome. Their presence was of great assistance to me and value to the meeting. I was introduced to the Lodge by V. W. Bros. Harris and Mitchell and cordially received. The W. M., W. Bro. Lount, and his new staff of officers, had only been installed at the previous meeting. A regular candidate, who had been expected to present himself for initiation, had been called out of town, but W. Bro. Lount very kindly volunteered to exemplify the degree, which, I am bound to say, was performed in an exceedingly creditable manner. The candidate, W. Bro. Pengelly, P. M., made an admirable substitute for a novice. W. Bro. Marshall, I. P. M., presented the working tools. The Lodge was also correctly opened and closed in the second and third degrees. I especially commend the work of the Deacons in this Lodge, which is always performed with a precision which might well be emulated elsewhere. I took occasion to compliment the W. M. and officers upon their efficiency and in this I was endorsed by R. W. Bro. Landerkin and several of the visiting brethren. At the close of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a magnificent banquet had been spread, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The gloom, however, was in our hearts, and after consulting the W. M. and other senior brethren it was deemed fitting that no festivities whatever should be undertaken. The toast list was accordingly abandoned. This Lodge has an

excellent record. A noticeable feature is the willingness of all the P. M's to fill any required office. They are all well skilled and regular in their attendance. The Lodge has had four R. W. and three V. W. brethren on its rolls. The furniture, appointments and surroundings are very modern and comfortable. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were in model order, as might be looked for under the correct supervision of V. W. Bro. Harris. The Auditors' statement showed a tidy balance in the Treasurer's hands. I have had frequent opportunities of seeing the work in this Lodge during my visits to the County Town, and it is always a very great plaesure to me to take advantage of these, as the members of Saugeen Lodge in a marked degree exhibit the true spirit of Freemasonry. The By-laws of the Lodge, which were promulgated over 30 years ago, are in process of revision.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: This Lodge has a reputation for correct rendering of the Ritual and for that attention to details which is the best evidence of efficiency. Having had the advantage, at the Lodge of Instruction held under its auspices, of observing the second degree as worked by the officers of Bernard Lodge, I was quite prepared for an accurate exemplification of other portions of the ceremonies on the occasion of my official visit of inspection. The W. M. was good enough to convene an emergent meeting of the Lodge for this purpose, to suit my convenience, on the 14th March, 1901, when a gathering of 30 members assembled. This attendance was very creditable in view of the severe snowstorms and railway blockades then prevalent. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Rogers, P. M., and most kindly received. I found that by the Lodge elections in the previous December the officers had been respectively advanced a step in rank from that held by them at the time of my former visit. I am thus enabled to report an inspection of two staffs of officers of this Lodge during my term of office. The W. M., W. Bro. Binning, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, and then, assisted by W. Bros. Rogers and Fleming, exemplified the ceremony of initiation. The whole work was done to my satisfaction. This Lodge has several excellent musicians among its members, and the instrumental selections played during the

perambulations and other portions of the service had a very pleasing effect. A practice adopted by Bernard Lodge, and of which I heartily approve, is to assign to some of the Past Masters certain portions of the ceremony. This not only adds variety to the proceedings, making them more interesting to the candidate and the members as well, but it keeps the Past Masters in active touch with the Lodge work. The rendering of the Tracing Board Lecture by the J. W., Bro. Dr. Nichol, was admirable, while R. W. Bro. Campbell delivered the charge in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The Lodge premises are the largest and most commodious in the District. They are well lighted, heated, ventilated and thoroughly equipped, and when it is stated that an insurance of $750 is carried on the Lodge property, which consists of contents only, a fair idea may be had of the sufficiency of the appointments. On the close of the Lodge I was entertained by the brethren for a couple of hours in a handsome manner, with songs, speeches, and refreshments. The books of the Secretary, under the correct charge of R. W. Bro. Col. Campbell, and those of W. Bro. Brooks as Treasurer, it is needless to report, are are carefully and accurately kept. The present staff of officers is unusually promising, and the prospects for the perpetuation of the correct government and methods in Bernard Lodge are excellent.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on 1st March, 1901. The condition of the roads and the elements generally prevented the attendance of many of the outside brethren. However, about 25 members of the Lodge were present. W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre, W. M., and his officers were in charge of the Lodge, and the manner in which the three degrees were opened and closed left room for very slight correction. A candidate was passed to the second degree at the request of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, of which he was a member. This ceremonial was a creditable performance. The brethren seemed to be thoroughly interested in the work and the whole meeting was most enjoyable. The brethren meet in rented premises, and on discovering that the Lodge effects were not insured I impressed upon the members the necessity for immediate attention to that matter, with the gratifying result that protection to the full insurable value of the property was at once arranged for. The member-

ship is not at present in a position to control its own meeting place, but its quarters are very comfortable and quite ample for its requirements. A pleasing feature was the unanimous decision of the Lodge to present a P. M's Jewel to W. Bro. George Rothwell, a most zealous and painstaking Past Master, on his removal to Alma. The good qualities of the brother and the effective service he had rendered to the Lodge were warmly referred to by nearly every brother present, and the incident was to my mind an exemplification of Masonic brotherhood. I was subsequently entertained in a handsome way by the Lodge at the Hanna House, where Bro. Gilbert and his estimable wife sustained their well-known reputation as caterers of the first class. Aldworth has no dearth of material for efficient officers, and I have no fear but that the Lodge stands on solid ground.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on 30th November, 1900. There was a very fair attendance of members, including among the visitors W. Bro. John Shaw, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels; Bro. A. E. Stewart, of Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction, and Bro. T. E. Hutchinson, of Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto. I was introduced by W. Bro. Shaw and received in an appropriate and brotherly manner. The W. M., W. Bro. F. P. Moore, and his regular staff, except his efficient S. W., who had been called away by the illness of a relative, were in their proper places. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the second degree was properly exemplified. The whole work showed an amount of care and accuracy in its rendition as to merit favorable comment. The working tools were impressively presented by W. Bro. Shaw, and the practical and unique explanation of the Tracing Board by Bro. Irwin, acting S. W., received my unqualified approval. The Lodge has taken care to fully insure its premises against loss by fire. The Lodge-rooms are small, but they are comfortably furnished, and supply ample accommodation for its members. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Gallagher, are neatly and correctly kept. Through the illness of the Treasurer I was unable to inspect his records, but I have every reason to believe that they are fully up to the mark. The edition of the By-laws had become exhausted, and as it had been is-

sued 20 years ago I recommended the W. M. to have the By-laws thoroughly revised and reprinted. I addressed the Lodge at some length, commending the officers for their efforts and offering words of encouragement for the future. The W. M. is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of his office, and as he is assisted by young and willing subordinates, the Lodge should sustain its reputation. The active co-operation of W. Bro. Shaw, who is a resident of the village, is of great value to the Lodge. After the close of the meeting the W. M. and his estimable wife entertained, in my honor, at their residence, the members of the Lodge with their wives, and also, as I thought I detected in one or two instances, their sweethearts. This was a very pleasing innovation. A most attractive banquet was spread and thoroughly enjoyed, after which the usual Masonic toast list was disposed of, the ladies heartily joining in the various sentiments. W. Bro. and Mrs. Moore dispensed their hospitality with a charm and grace which captivated their guests, and it is needless to say that the couple of hours spent in this social way served, in an especial manner, to demonstrate the good fellowship and brotherly love existing in the Craft. I was also pleased to observe in the company two former members of the Lodge who retain the most kindly opinions of the Order, and also the Rev. Bro. Willoughby, of Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, now stationed at Teeswater, who, I discovered, was born in my own native town. The pleasant recollections of this visit will long be remembered by me.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: The charter of this Lodge bears date 11th July, 1872, and in its early years the destruction by fire of the Lodge premises was a decided check to its progress. Through the energy of R. W. Bro. DeWitt H. Martyn, then D. D. G. M., a revival was effected upon a permanent basis, and the subsequent success of the Lodge became assured. It has now a membership of 61, and from the records I gleaned that since its institution no less than 168 brethren have been enrolled. I visited the Lodge officially at its regular meeting on 30th April, 1901. Being introduced by W. Bros. Sinclair and Wilton, P. M's. I found an assemblage of 30 members present. The W. M., W. Bro. R. N. Barrett, and his officers performed the opening and closing ceremonies in the several degrees with great ac-

curacy, and also initiated a candidate. The degree work was unusually well done. The Tracing Board Lecture by the J. W. was correct and impressive, and the delivery of the charge by W. Bro. Bishop, P. M., I have seldom seen equalled. The membership is composed of a large number of bright and intelligent young men, who are bound to keep up the established standard of efficiency. It is worthy of note that the P. M.'s are regular in their attendance, no less than six being present on this occasion, and that some portion of each degree is usually assigned to them. The Lodge is admirably laid out, the equipment being complete, and the furniture and appointments are exceedingly neat, appropriate and comfortable. The property is kept well insured, and Masonically the brethren appear to move in an atmosphere of business methods and activity. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are well looked after, and the arrearages of members' dues are rapidly being wiped out. The brethren entertained me at the close of their labors in excellent style, and during my visit were most assiduous in their efforts to promote my pleasure and comfort.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: In the midst of a boom in their Masonic work I met the brethren of this Lodge in their ample and comfortable quarters on the first May, 1901. The pleasure of my visit was enhanced by the presence of R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Powell, I. P. M. There was an attendance of 25 members. The W. M., W. Bro. Irwin, and an active staff, easily demonstrated their ability to perform the opening and closing exercises of the various degrees. I found three candidates in waiting for initiation, but, for want of time, only two of them received the E. A. degree. The work was very correct and satisfactory, the W. M. being ably assisted by W. Bros. Powell and Vanstone, P. M's. The ceremonies were interspersed with appropriate music on the Lodge organ by V. W. Bro. Dr. Tamblyn, which greatly improved the effect. The Lodge is fully equipped, the furniture being bright and attractive. The property had not hitherto been reported as insured, but as the same is valuable I urged action thereon, and am glad to learn since that the brethren have recognized the wisdom of this business precaution and have acted accordingly. I examined the books of the Secretary and Trea-

surer and found them well and neatly kept, and that few arrearages exist in the members' dues. R. W. Bro. Morton keeps a vigilant supervision over all branches of the Lodge, and the P. M's are also active in their co-operation. Without considering its excellent prospects for further additions to the membership, the Lodge had in hand, at the time of my visit, sufficient work to keep it fully employed for the balance of the year. An excellent refreshment room is used in connection with the Lodge, and a pleasant hour spent with the brethren in refreshment and social intercourse closed a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: This Lodge, which was instituted in 1875, is very conveniently situated in the Village of Fordwich and contains a number of bright and active Past Masters, who are the main stay of the Lodge. The Lodge and the ante-rooms are ample and commodious, and having during the past few years been thoroughly renovated and refurnished with appropriate furniture and appointments, form a most cheery and attractive rallying point for the brethren. They have their own kitchen and table appurtenances, thus enabling the members to work the "fourth degree" under their own vine and fig tree, and I was glad to know that this social feature is a frequent source of enjoyment to the brethren at the close of their meetings. I made my official visit on the 29th November, 1900, and was introduced to the Lodge by W. Bro. Dr. Spence, a zealous P. M., and regular attendant. The W. M., W. Bro. John Wallace, a young and especially bright Mason, welcomed me with great cordiality, and the Grand Honors were well rendered. The meeting was emergent and, unfortunately but for good reasons, the principal officers other than the W. M. were called away from home. The brethren who acted in the West and South, on short notice, satisfactorily performed their duties. The W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees and also exemplified the second degree. The volunteer candidate was Bro. Wade, a son, I understand, of one of the charter members, who was to be raised at the following regular meeting. His examination was extremely creditable, and his repetition of the O. B. worthy of praise. I took occasion to congratulate the W. M. and his officers upon their work and, as well, to address the members upon their duties. W.

Bros. Miller, W. M., and Brown, Secretary of Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, paid me the compliment of attending me on this visit. There were 18 members present, and the whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed. I examined the books and records of the Secretary and Treasurer, which seemed to be complete since their inception, and found that both these officers were diligent and efficient, This Lodge suffers much by the recent removal to Fergus of V. W. Bro. Alex. Wyness, P. G. S., one of its best skilled and reliable P. M's. At the close of the Lodge I was entertained by the brethren, and an extremely pleasant evening was rounded up with refreshments and social intercourse. The prospects of Fordwich Lodge are excellent. Work or no work, their meetings are always held. Their premises are fully insured.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: This Lodge being only 9 miles distant may be said to be closely identified with my own Lodge, and reciprocal visits of the members are of frequent occurrence. There is, therefore, an especially friendly feeling between them, and the visiting brethren on such occasions are regarded virtually as home members. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn, P. D. D. G. M., the W. M., and several officers of Northern Light, I visited Bruce Lodge officially at their regular meeting on 29th January, 1901. Owing to several cases of illness in man and beast the Lodge was deprived of the presence of W. Bros. Chambers, M. D., and Evans, V. S., two of its most efficient P. M's. The attendance of the local members was not large, and illness in the family of a candidate who was to have been raised at this meeting prevented the rendering of degree work. I have, however, from my own knowledge, no difficulty in certifying to the ability of the officers to perform the ceremonies with credit to themselves. The W. M., W. Bro. Bowie, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees correctly, and the brethren then repaired to the Commercial Hotel, where an inviting spread had been prepared by Bro. J. G. Walker. A quiet but very pleasant hour was enjoyed by the company. I found the books of the Lodge correctly and neatly kept. The Lodge owns the building in which it meets, which is a substantial brick structure and is kept well insured. The furniture and appoitnments are not elaborate, but meet with the requirements of the brethren.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I made my visit of inspection to this Lodge at its regular meeting on 1st April, 1901. There was an excellent attendance of members and also of visiting brethren. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Macdonald, P G S, The proceedings were conducted by the W M., W. Bro. L. G. Briggs, and his regular staff in a manner which received my warm commendation. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and I was much impressed with the regularity, attention to details and accuracy not only of the officers but of the members as well. The floor work by the Deacons was especially noticeable. The second degree was conferred upon Bro. Blundell, a bright new member, whose examination, including a repetition of the O. B., was most creditable to him. The explanation of the Tracing Board by the S. W., Bro. Collins, and the delivery of the charge by V. W. Bro. Macdonald was deserving of special mention. I addressed the Lodge at some length, making several suggestions to the brethren for which they were good enough to thank me. The Lodge premises are most complete and modern, the appointments being arranged with great taste. The brethren have a most cheery meeting place, and the uniform progress which they have enjoyed hitherto is bound to continue under the excellent guidance of R. W. Bros. Dr. Wilson and R. C. Bruce, and V. W. Bro. Macdonald. These brethren have continually the welfare of the Lodge at heart and are most unselfish in their efforts to promote its interests. The property is well insured, and the books of W. Bro. Start, as Secretary, I found, on a careful examination, are very complete. The Treasurer, Bro. Telford, has held the office for many years, and has his books and accounts well in hand. The financial standing of the Lodge, which has about 41 members, is very good. At the conclusion of the Lodge procedings I enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren at a splendid banquet in the Queen's Hotel, at which a couple of hours were spent most profitably and enjoyably.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: Located in one of the brightest and busiest villages in Western Ontario the brethren of Forest Lodge are happy in their surroundings. Next year the Lodge will have attained its majority and the event will be duly observed. During the 20 years of its existence it has prospered under the

guiding hands of skilled Craftsmen who have given much of their time to its welfare. I made an official visit at the regular meeting of the Lodge on 2nd April, 1901, and was greeted by a very satisfactory attendance of the members, together with a fair sprinkling of visitors. Being introduced by W. Bros. Adams and Pearce, P. M's, the Grand Honors were duly and regularly accorded. The W. M., W. Bro. W. T. Ross, opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees and initiated a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The whole work, including the delivery of the Tracing Board Lecture and the charge, was admirably performed. The floor work by the Deacons was exceptional, and all concerned showed the result of careful study and practice. The arrangement of the rooms and the furniture and appointments are quite up to the standard expected of a live and progressive Lodge. The property is valuable and is kept well insured. Bro. Little, the Manager of the Merchants' Bank, it is needless to say, makes a model Secretary, and his books show method and neatness. W. Bro. Jos. Adams has been the Treasurer of the Lodge for many years, and his duties are very satisfactorily performed. This Lodge requires the unanimous ballot of the members to secure the admission of an applicant. Its By-laws were issued in 1882 and are now in process of revision. At the close of the Lodge work I was entertained by the W. M. and the brethren at the Windsor Hotel, where an elaborate banquet was spread and thoroughly enjoyed. I am indebted to W. Bros. Dr. Stewart and C. J. Mickle, P. M's, for courtesies and attention during my visit.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: There is no Lodge in this District whose name more happily reflects its predominant characteristics than Cedar Lodge, Wiarton. No work is undertaken by it, the execution of which does not show a delightful freshness and a determination to make a lasting impression upon its witnesses. Located at the extreme north of this jurisdiction with the Bruce peninsula as its feeder, this Lodge has ample scope for its operations. I wound up my series of official visits here at an emergent meeting, which the W. M. was good enough to convene for me on the 3rd July, inst. The weather was exceedingly warm and uncomfortable, yet I was gratified to notice fully 30 members of the Lodge present, an unusually good showing. I

was introduced by R. W. Bro. James Walmsley, P. D. D. G. M. The W. M., W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, was in the East, and very correctly performed the opening and closing exercises in the several degrees. Assisted by an able staff he also initiated a candidate. This work was most impressive and without error. The J. W. gave the explanation of the T. B., and the W. M. orally delivered the charge. R. W. Bro. Walmsley also took part in the ceremony. The Lodge has during the past year perfected a musical organization, which wonderfully improves the effect of the ceremonial work. The Lodge is fortunate in having in the ranks Bro. Castell, an expert vocal and instrumental artist. A male quartette of capital ability has also been formed in the Lodge, and their services are greatly in demand at refreshment. The feature in this connection is the hearty manner in which every brother present joins in the service. The equipment of this Lodge is in harmony with its general excellence. Very few cosier Lodge-rooms exist in the District and certainly none better suited to the requirements of the Craft. The books of the Secretary, Bro. S. E. Foster, were in excellent order. The genius of W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P. M., finds great scope in the clerical department of this Lodge. Always alert to its best interests and to seize upon any idea which may distinguish it, W. Bro. Ferguson has devised and had printed several special blank books for this Lodge. One of them which particularly struck me is headed "History of, Formation and Progress," and on examination I found that it contained a complete record of the institution of the Lodge, with a recital of every event of interest which has since happened in connection with the Lodge and which is entered from time to time as the occasion arises. This book will prove in future years a most valuable archive, and the Lodges generally might very profitably copy this example. The Treasurer, W. Bro. Moore, has his share of the Lodge work always where it should be. The forms used by this Lodge, such as summonses, etc., are the neatest in the District. Perfection in all things is aimed at, and it is only justice to Cedar Lodge to say that no Lodge in the District is more efficient. At the close of the meeting an enjoyable and delicious refection was served in the Lodge-room, and the evening was well rounded off with speech and song.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: On the 28th

February, 1901, I met the brethren of this Lodge in their spacious and exceedingly comfortable room at their regular communication. The ante-rooms and surroundings generally are inviting, and the appointments are of an attractive description. A specially designed carpet adorns the floor, and the furniture is modern in its character. Thirty brethren were in attendance, and among them I was glad to notice no less than eight Past Masters of the Lodge. There were several visitors from St. Lawrence, No. 131, and Cedar, No. 396. I was introduced by W. Bros. Wm. George and John George, two senior P. M's. The, W. M., W. Bro. Hutton opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees in a satisfactory manner, assisted by his regular staff of officers. A candidate was passed to the second degree, and the ceremonial work was admirably performed by W. Bros. W. J. Cameron, I. P. M., and G. W. Smith, P. M. I complimented the Candidate, Bro. Mitchell, upon his excellent examination before passing and also upon his repetition of the O. B. I am pleased to report that the latter feature is insisted upon in this Lodge. The clerical work of the Lodge is in charge of W. Bro. Lillie, P. M., as Secretary, and W. Bro. Cameron as Treasurer, and I found their books complete in detail and system. I strongly recommended fraternal visits between this Lodge and St. Lawrence, of Southampton. Being only five miles apart, this can be easily accomplished, and I was delighted with the readiness of both Lodges to adopt the suggestion. The brethren of Port Elgin have a reputation for hospitality, and on the closing of the Lodge a first-class banquet at the Queen's, prepared under the skilful supervision of Bro. D. J. Izzard, garnished with a short but appropriate toast list, completed a most enjoyable evening. Port Elgin Lodge is entitled to commendation for its attention to details, accurate work and strict adherence to the Constitution. Its prospects for activity are very encouraging.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: Among the young Lodges in the District, Moravian occupies a prominent place in enthusiasm and onward progress. It was instituted in 1893 at the village of Eden Grove (Pinkerton Station), and being within easy reach of two old-established Lodges at Walkerton and Paisley, some doubt was felt at the time as to the wisdom of the venture. Through the energy, however, of R. W. Bro.

Thos. Pinkerton (since then D. D. G. M.) and other staunch brethren, the Lodge continued to flourish from its inception until it now has a membership of 41. On the 4th January, 1901, at its regular meeting, I made my official visit, accompanied by several of the leading members of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton. I was also delighted to have with me R. W. Bro. James B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., who was at Walkerton on business. I found an attendance of about 30 brethren, who were assembled in their very commodious Lodge-room. I was received most cordially by R. W. Bro. Pinkerton, who was in the East, and is this year the W. M. of the Lodge. Many of the members are old personal friends of my own, and this reunion with them added much to the pleasure of my visit. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner most creditable to all concerned. I was already familiar with the ability of the staff to exemplify the degree work and took occasion to compliment them upon their efficiency. R. W. Bro. Nixon delivered a practical address on the principles of the Order and gave the brethren some most interesting information on the work of the sub-committee on Benevolence, with which he is immediately identified. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Nelson Clark, and also of the Treasurer, Bro. Duggan, are in every respect fit for inspection. The J. W., Bro. Wm. Trimble, is a "youthful" Craftsman of 74 years of age, who was initiated only 3 years ago, and has already served a term as Secretary. He is one of the most zealous of the members and performs his duties with such skill and accuracy as might well be emulated. At the close of the Lodge I was entertained at a magnificent banquet at the Connor House, where the evening was spent in unalloyed enjoyment. Many excellent speeches were made and everything predicted a most hopeful outlook for Moravian Lodge. Since my visit I understand the brethren are considering the question of building a new Lodge-room.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: The growth of Hanover, which is situated on either side of the County boundary between Grey and Bruce has, during the last decade, been so rapid that at the time of the incorporation of the Grey portion, a year ago, it was the largest incorporated village in Canada. It was, therefore, a very suitable field for the operations of Hanover Lodge

which, since its re-organization in 1893 has made steady progress. A disastrous fire, however, which some months ago destroyed the largest manufacturing establishment in the village and compelled its operatives, among whom were several members of the Lodge, to seek temporary employment elsewhere, was a severe check to the activity of the brethren. Notwithstanding this, the meetings continued to be regularly held, and at my visit on the 3rd April, 1901, there was a splendid turnout of members, the meeting being specially convened for the purpose. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Hon. Dr. Landerkin, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. John Mitchell, G. Supt. of Works, both members of the Lodge. W. Bro. Stone, the W. M., and his staff of officers performed the routine of the several degrees and also exemplified the first degree. The ceremonial in all respects was capitally rendered and reflected great credit upon the Lodge. The premises are beautifully furnished, the paraphernalia, appointments and draperies being rich in design and forming a very complete equipment. I examined the books of the clerical and financial officers and found them correctly kept. The ante-rooms are ample and the general surroundings betoken comfort and cheerfulness. During the evening refreshments were served and many pleasant things were said by the brethren which tended to make lasting memories of my visit to the Hanover brethren.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: This is the junior Lodge of the District, and it owes its origin to the expansive powers and energy of the brethren of Wiarton and vicinity. Its warrant bears date the 15th July, 1896, and from its inception it developed and has since maintained a lustiness and activity which ensure its permanence. The thriving sister villages of Hepworth and Shallow Lake form a very fertile constituency for the propagation of Masonic work in this locality. I visited the Lodge at its regular meeting on 2nd July, inst. Though I had several weeks previously advised the secretary of my intention to be present on that occasion, through some oversight, the announcement of the fact was omitted from the summons. The attendance, therefore, of 16 members (a creditable average at any time), at a season when many Lodges "call off" for a term in the ordinary course, without any special attraction either in the way of work or the knowledge of an official visit to

draw them out beyond their love for the institution, was an emphatic indication of the real interest which the members of this Lodge take in its welfare. I regretted the absence of W. Bro. Reid, the W. M., whom I should like to have met, as I was impressed by the admiration and pride with which the members certified to his skill and ability as their presiding officer. His place in the East was most acceptably filled by W. Bro. Dr. Frank Campbell, P. M., a steadfast and very efficient pillar. The Lodge was most cordial in its greetings, and gave the best evidence throughout the routine of the evening of its high standard of correctness. The Past Masters of this Lodge are exceptionally zealous and are ever on the alert. The premises are beautifully and completely equipped. The carved pedestals and carpet of special pattern, together with a full range of Lodge furniture, evince a spirit of enterprise very creditable to its members. Its financial standing is good, the Lodge being free from debt and little is to be complained of in the matter of arrears of dues. The Secretary's books are in order and well looked after, and the funds in the charge of W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, P. M., as Treasurer, are carefully husbanded. The brethren were very kind and concluded the proceedings with a capital spread at the —— House, where I thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality. The pleasure of the occasion was much enhanced by the presence of my old friend, Bro. D. M. Jermyn, of Cedar Lodge, Wiarton, who accompanied me.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

As a result of my intercourse with the Lodges and of the opportunities I have enjoyed of mingling with the brethren in their meeting places, I am glad to be able to report a very satisfactory state of Craft affairs in this district and very promising prospects for the future. That most important department, the clerical work, as performed by the secretaries, is well up to the mark, and in this connection it is worthy of note that a large number of the secretaries are Past Masters of their Lodges, The Worshipful Masters are all evidently imbued with the spirit of their office and have imparted their enthusiasm to their principal and assistant officers. It is very gratifying to observe that the members are loyal to their officers and that, as a rule, the average attendance at the regular meetings is very good. In no case did I

observe a tendency to looseness either in the routine or degree work, but there was an evident effort at correctness and an honest endeavor to adhere to recognized methods. In a word, the officers of each Lodge have shown a commendable disposition to attain to that knowledge which is grounded on accuracy, aided by labor, and prompted by perseverance. The work of the District is largely in the hands of young, active and intelligent brethren who will, I am assured, do their utmost, not only to sustain but to improve the reputation of their Lodges.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I have already alluded to the employment of an official "Instructor" at District Lodges of Instruction.

2. I would recommend that the election of officers in private Lodges be held in the month of June rather than in June or December, at the Lodge's option, as is the present rule. The large majority of elections are now held in December, and the work of the D. D. G. M. is virtually delayed until the beginning of January, or for six months after he assumes office. Were June the fixed month for this purpose the work of the District could be taken up immediately after the session of Grand Lodge and pursued during the ensuing 12 months, and the convenience of both the Lodges and the D. D. G. M. be thereby much better improved.

3. I would also recommend the supply by Grand Lodge to its executive officers of all stationery, such as official paper and envelopes, for necessary use in connection with Grand Lodge business. The present custom permits each D. D. G. M. to procure, at his option and expense, official stationery for his office, and with the capacity of the ordinary local printing office, the press work by this method is not always in keeping with the dignity of the position.

STATISTICS.

The usual tabulated statement of "work done" by the several Lodges in the District for the year ended 24th June, 1901, accompanies this report.

CONCLUSION.

With an apology for the great length to which I have thought it necessary to extend these observations, I beg

to conclude my report in the hope that I have been able to perform, with some degree of satisfaction, the important duties which have been entrusted to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. SCOTT, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in North Huron District No. 5, from June 24th, 1900, to June 21th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership		Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
93	North'n L't	Kincardine	96	5	3	4	4	5	...	1	3	...	...	...	14	3	17	24	$25 00	12	$ 125 00	June, 1901	$ 3839 70	Fair	Yes	$2000 00
131	St. Lawr'ce	Southampton	50	4	0	3	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	1	12	6	18	16	5 00			Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter	19	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	2	4	8					Good	Good	No	
181	Old Light	Lucknow	51	11	3	10	7	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	12	4	16	17	5 00	9	27 50	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	60	9	4	8	8	5	1	...	...	...	...	4	13	4	17	16		3	16 25	Dec., 1900	Ext. good	Good	Yes	500 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	89	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	14	3	17	21	7 00	13	95 00	Jan., 1901	Good	V'ry good	Yes	700 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	36	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	4	10		9	46 25	June, 1900	Fair	Fair	Yes	150 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	25	5	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	...	...	1	10	4	14	8		6	49 18	June, 1900	$ 105 12	Improv'g	Yes	200 00
284	St. John s.	Brussels	61	1	...	1	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	13	2	15	18	25 00	21	126 00	Dec., 1900	Good	V'ry good	Yes	250 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	55	11	1	8	8	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	9	5	14	11	16 00	10	66 75	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	30	1	...	6	6	3	...	1	1	5	...	...	11	3	14	10	5 00	13	72 00	June, 1901	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton	36	5	9	5	2	2	...	...	3	6	...	...	12	2	14	11		7	28 45	Feb., 1901	Fair	Fair	Pdly	500 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	43	3	1	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	14	...	15	15		3	40 75	Feb., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
393	Forest	Chesley	31	2	4	2	2	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	13	...	13	12		4	16 25	Dec., 1900	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
396	Cedar	Wiarton	8	3	...	4	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	3	15	18	15 00	13	85 45	Dec., 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	40	1	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	1	10	14	10 00	3	7 50	Dec., 900	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	41	2	3	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	12	4	16	12	6 00	5	31 50	Dec., 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	150 00
432	Hanover	Hanover	37	...	2	...	2	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	12	2	14	16		4	12 25	Jan., 1901	Not good	Good	Yes	300 00
436	Burns	Hepworth	30	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	13	...	13	14			17 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

I respectfully submit the following report on the condition of Masonry for the past year in Wilson District, No. 6:

I appointed Rev. Bro. Frank Leigh, of Burford, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. F. J. Daniel, P. M., of Blenheim, No. 108, District Secretary.

I have visited each Lodge in the District once, and some twice, and nearly all at their regular communications. Masonry is in a flourishing condition taking the District as a whole, and evidence of a love for the work and a desire to understand and carry out those sublime truths therein taught has been apparent at every visit I have made. The Worshipful Masters generally understand the responsibilities and duties of their position. Not only are they able to confer degrees properly, but they know how to rule the Lodge and conduct the business. There has been considerable attention paid not only to the instruction of candidates but of the older brethren, and I trust continuous attention will be paid to this important duty.

I have granted dispensations to King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg, and King Solomon's, No. 43, and Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock, to attend clothed as Masons memorial services in loving remembrance of our late Queen Victoria.

During the past year several brethren have departed this life and have had the last sad office of respect paid to their memory. I have received notice of the following: W. Bro. A. N. Parney, St. John's, No. 82; Bro. George Brown, Naphtali, No. 413; Bro. Wm. Walker, Norfolk, No. 10; Bro. John Patrick, King Solomon, No. 43; Bro. Abraham Steedsman and W. Bro. Charles Brown, Burford, No. 106; Bro. Horatio Holder, and W. Bro. B. Varey, Erie, No. 149, and Bro. A. B. Yeo, King Solomon's, No. 43. I assisted R. W. Bro. Miles, who

conducted the services at the funeral of W. Bro. Brown, and also the Worshipful Masters of Wilson, No. 113, and St. John's, No. 82, at the funeral of W. Bro. Parney at Waterford. Bro. Geo. Brown was buried at Tilsonburg by King Hiram, No. 78.

I have submitted for the approval of the Grand Master By-laws of St. John's, No. 68, and changes in the By-laws of St. John's, No. 82; Vittoria, No. 359, and Frederick, No. 217.

Each Lodge has contributed its share towards my expenses.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, 1900, accompanied by W. Bros. Smoke and Thomson, of St. John's, No. 82, I paid my first official visit to King Solomon's, No. 43, Woodstock. There was a good attendance for so early in the season, among the visitors being R. W. Bros. Gavin Stewart, Fred. C. Martin, Horace Rayner, of Rossland District, B. C., and Rev. J. C. Farthing, Grand Chaplain, and W. Bros. Dr. Ellis, of Norwich; E. W. Town, of Innerkip, and F. J. Daniel, District Secretary. The opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the work of the third degree, while not without some errors, were conducted in a manner to satisfy me that W. Bro. Kenney and his officers are determined to maintain the reputation of this Lodge for careful work. W. Bro. Watt, I. P. M., assisted, and as usual did his work well., W. Bro. McGachie is a very courteous and efficient secretary. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant entertainment was provided. R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin presided, and R. W. Bro. Farthing and others gave interesting addresses.

On the festival of St. John the Baptist I again visited this Lodge and installed the officers. At the close of the installation ceremony the third degree was conferred by the new officers, and they all did their part like veterans. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Geary, deserves special commendation. The books were audited and show the Lodge to be financially sound and in every way the Lodge starts the new year in perfect condition.

I visited Vienna Lodge, No. 237, on Friday, November 2nd, and found a very progressive Lodge. There were two candidates initiated by W. Bro. Hawkins and his officers, and seldom have I witnessed the work exemplified so carefully and in so impressive a manner. This Lodge owns the building in which it meets, is adding to its membership steadily, and would be out of

debt if the dues were all paid. I appealed to the brethren to pay up in full instead of in part, as is the custom. This Lodge and King Hiram, of Tilsonburg, have practiced conferring degrees one for the other with mutual benefit. W. Bro. Clutton, who acted as Secretary in the absence of Bro. Thornton, is an enthusiastic member of the Craft, and always ready to assist the brethren of this Lodge.

On Wednesday, November 7th, I visited St. John's, No. 104, Norwich, and although it was the night of the Dominion elections, there was a fair attendance of the members of the Lodge, besides visiting brethren from Burford, Scotland, Woodstock, and other places. The Worshipful Master, Dr. Ellis, initiated two of the prominent citizens of Norwich in as impressive a manner as I have ever witnessed in any Lodge. Bro. Poldon, the Secretary, is very painstaking. This Lodge has a well-equipped Lodge-room, as well as ante-rooms for all purposes. R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, who takes a great interest in the Lodge, Rev. Bro. Leigh and others addressed the brethren at the pleasant social gathering held after the Lodge was closed.

I visited Scotland, No. 193, on Monday, December 3rd, and installed the officers. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Miles, W. Bros. Wilbee, Smoke, Haire, Ingles, Collins, Ross, Hooker, Winegarden, and others. There was a very large turnout of the brethren from this and the surrounding Lodges, Brantford, Paris, Burford and Waterford sending several representatives each. There were 18 Masters and Past Masters present, which is evidence of the interest taken in this vicinity, and also shows the position of prominence attained by Scotland Lodge. The newly installed Master and the I. P. M., W. Bros. Potts and Malcolm, both gave evidence of their ability to conduct the affairs of the Lodge. Two candidates were examined as to their proficneicy in the fellow-craft degree, but out of consideration for the visiting brethren, who had to drive long distances, the third degree was not exemplified. R. W. Bro. Miles, who lives near this Lodge, assured me of the proficiency of the officers. I am satisfied that this is one of the best Lodges in the District. A very pleasant social gathering followed. The books are well kept and were properly audited for my inspection.

On Friday, December 7th I visited Plattsville Lodge,

No. 178, and installed the officers. There was a good attendance, 16 Past Masters being present. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Allshire, who with W. Bros. Holley, Wilbee and others assisted in the ceremony. The Lodge is in good shape financially, the dues being well paid up. For the fourth time in seventeen years W. Bro. Henderson, the Secretary, whose books are a model of neatness and correctness, was through sickness unable to be present. Dr. Wilson, the new Master, is a very capable brother, and this Lodge should prosper under his guidance. The hospitality of Plattsville Lodge was appreciated by the visitors. It has long been favorably known for its happy manner of entertaining.

On the festival of St. John the Evangelist I visited Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, and installed the officers. I was assisted by W. Bros. McLurg, Smoke, McGachie, and a goodly number of Past Masters were present, together with R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin and the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. J. C. Farthing. W. Bro. McLurg was to have conferred the third degree on his son, but the young brother was unable to be present, so there was no work, but the part taken by the officers in opening and closing was correctly done. W. Bro. Bain, I believe, will be a worthy successor to W. Bro. Hamilton, in fact this Lodge has so much good material that they always have competent officers. Bro. Anderson makes a model Secretary and does his work in the neatest and most careful way. The books were audited for my inspection and show a large balance on hand. Oxford Lodge is prospering in every way. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant social gathering took place at which speeches were made by R. W. Bro. Farthing, W. Bros. Smoke, Clapp and others. On November 16th this Lodge held a Past Master's reunion, and the Secretary sends me the following report, as I was unable to be present: Four candidates were initiated, R. W. Bro. Martin, V. W. Bro. Scarff, and W. Bros. McDonald, Biggins, Ure, Hamilton, Cheyne, Luckwell and McGhacie taking part. The way in which the work was done reflected credit on the Past Masters and shows that they still take much interest in Masonry. Before the Lodge was closed W. Bro. McDonald demanded a Board of Trial, which was conducted by R. W. Bro. Martin, V. W. Bro. Ccarff and W. Bro. McGachie, who examined the brethren for admission to the Lodge in the

three degrees. This was very interesting and useful. It was one of the most profitable and interesting meetings we have had for some time.

Again accompanied by Bro. Smoke I visited Burford Lodge, No. 106, on Wednesday, January 2nd, and installed the officers. I was assisted by W. Bro. Miles, W. Bro. Ramsay, W. Master of Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, and other Past Masters. The new Master, W. Bro. Armstrong, and his officers are well qualified to manage this prosperous Lodge, and although a sad loss was sustained by the death of W. Bro. Brown, who died during his term of office, still a large number of Past Masters, including R. W. Bro. Miles, who maintain an active interest in the Lodge, keep up the standard of the past. This Lodge is worth nearly $2,500, and is still adding good material steadily. They, like some others, do not keep down their arrears of dues as low as I think wise. After the Lodge was closed the officers and membere were banqueted in Burford's own noted manner, at which bright speeches were made by R. W. Bro. Miles, W. Bros. Smoke, Rawsay, Leigh, and others. Bro. Pratt is a very competent Secretary.

On Thursday, January 3rd, I visited Oak Branch, No. 161, Innerkip, and conducted the ceremony of installation. I was assisted by W. Bros. Henderson and Kenney, and other Past Masters. Although this is one of the smallest Lodges in the District, still the brethren are enthusiastic and make the most of their opportunities. W. Bro. Hopkins conferred the second degree in a pleasing manner, and the new Master, W. Bro. Perry, will, I believe, do conscientious work. Financially they are in good shape, and W. Bro. Nesbitt is an efficient Secretary. A banquet followed, at which speeches were made by Bros. Henderson, Johnson, Peat, Rev. W. Bro. Ward, and others.

On Friday, January 4th, R. W. Bro. Atkinson kindly drove me to Vittoria, and he and R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy introduced me to the officers and members of No. 359, when, assisted by these and other Past Masters, I installed the officers. The part taken in the ceremony by W. Bro. Culver, the new Master, and the other brethren of the Lodge was evidence sufficient of their knowledge of and ability to perform the work. This Lodge has the best record as regards prompt payment of dues of any that I have heard of, as at the November meeting

every dollar was paid up. They own the building in which they meet. The Secretary is a very efficient one and the Lodge is financially strong. They are fortunate in having so able and enthusiastic a brother as R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy on hand at all times. The visitors were very handsomely entertained at the close of the ceremony.

On Monday, January 28th, I paid my official visit to Erie, No. 149, Port Dover. There was a very good attendance. The first degree was conferred in a perfect manner by W. Bro. Waddle and his officers. The dignified and impressive manner in which the balloting and other business of the Lodge was conducted merits special praise. W. Bro. Varey is an efficient Secretary, and should receive more assistance from the brethren in reducing the amount of arrearages, which are too large. Death has visited this Lodge frequently, and the Lodge-room was draped in mourning. Lunch was provided, at which addresses appropriate to the occasion were made.

On Tuesday, January 29th, I visited Oriental, No. 181, Port Burwell. There was no work on. The Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree and the business conducted in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Kemp and the officers. W. Bro. Burwell, who presided over the Lodge for so many years, is an efficient Secretary. This Lodge lost everything by fire, but with commendable zeal the brethren furnished a new Lodge-room in the best manner. I had the pleasure of presenting a jewel to Bro. McConnell, who has been Treasurer of the Lodge for many years. Here, too, I was suitably entertained after the Lodge was closed.

Wednesday, January 30th, I visited Wilson, No. 113, Waterford. W. Bro. Dr. Goold and the officers exemplified the second degree in a careful and impressive manner. The Lodge-room is large and well furnished. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the attendance of the brethren and the interest taken by hte Past Masters are evidence of the hold that Masonry still has on the community, one of the centers of the Craft nearly a century ago. Lunch was provided after, at which a pleasant social time was spent.

On Wednesday, February 27th, I paid my official visit to King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. McDonald and greeted in the true Ma-

sonic spirit by about eighty brethren. One of the returned soldiers from South Africa was initiated, and seldom have I witnessed so perfect an exemplification of the work and such earnest attention by the brethren. The brethren feel that a larger Lodge-room is needed and intend to avail themselves of the first opportunity to secure one. I had the honor of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, R. W. Bro. McDonald with a P. D. D. G. Master's Apron, and W. Bro. Biette, the I. P. M., with a Past Master's Jewel and an address artistically engrossed by W. Bro. Raynes. These brethren have given valuable services to this Lodge. After the Lodge was closed a banquet, presided over by R. W. Bro. McDonald, was held, at which appropriate addresses were made by R. W. Bro. Crysler, Rev. Bro. Hughes, W. Bro. Clutton, and others. This Lodge is strong in every feature and deserves special commendation for the interest taken in the welfare of the surrounding Lodges.

On Thursday, February 28th, I visited Walsingham, No. 174, Port Rowan. Through sickness and possibly on account of the smallpox scare, there was a small attendance, but I was well received and entertained. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Meek and his officers, assisted by V. W. Bro. Biddle and W. Bro. Dr. Meek in a most careful manner. The Lodge-room is large and the finances in good shape, the building being owned by the Lodge. W. Bro. Ryan, an efficient Secretary, is a veteran in Masonry, having been initiated before the Grand Lodge of Canada was instituted.

On Friday, March 1st, I visited Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. McDonald and very well received by a large number of brethren. The first degree was conferred on a Presbyterian clergyman in a very careful manner by W. Bro. Byers and the officers. Nervousness, which constant practice will overcome, was all that kept the work from being perfect. This Lodge has had some trouble in the past, but is now very prosperous. A Church of England clergyman was initiated at the last regular meeting, and the brethren must command the highest respect to attract such candidates as these. R. W. Bro. Crysler, whom I succeeded, acts as Secretary, and this Lodge no doubt owes a great deal to his ability and advice. After the close of the Lodge a lunch and entertainment held in an adjoining

room was presided over by R. W. Bro. Crysler, and addressed by the Rev. brother newly initiated, and others. R. W. Bro. Crysler sends me a very full report of their regular meeting of April 29th, from which I select the following: W. Bro. Ross and the officers of Wlison, No. 113, conferred the first degree. They did it splendidly. The officers of Delhi, No. 217, did the wrok of the second degree without a hitch. W. Bro. Armstrong and the officers of King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg, did the work of the third degree in their usual good style. There were nearly 100 brethren present.

Friday, March 8th, I visited officially Blenheim, No. 108. I was honored by a large turnout of brethren of Woodstock, Paris, and Burford Lodges, who have since the institution of this Lodge at Princeton taken a kindly interest in its welfare. This being my mother Lodge, I naturally expected the work to be correctly done, and I was not disappointed, as W. Bro. Ramsay and the officers conferred the third degree on the Reeve of the Municipality in a manner satisfactory to the skilled visiting brethren, as well as myself. This Lodge, like many others in small places, does well to hold its own. W. Bro. Huston, who is an efficient Secretary, and W. Bro. Daniel, are faithful in assisting the Master and Wardens in every way. After the Lodge was closed an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Strode. Bright addresses were made both in the Lodge-room and at the banquet table. On Friday, June 21st, I installed the officers of this Lodge.

I visited St. John's, No. 68, Ingersoll, on Friday, March 15th, and was introduced by W. Bro. Partlo, and the first and third degrees were exemplified by the W. Master, S. C. Partlo, and his officers in a correct and careful manner. The brother raised to the third degree was a Paardeburg hero. Villiers' lecture in one of the churches no doubt interfered with the attendance, which was not as large as the membership warranted. After the close of the Lodge a very pleasant time was spent in social intercourse. W. Bro. J. H. Hegler, who made my visit very pleasant, is a competent Secretary, and financially this Lodge is in good shape.

I paid my official visit to Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro, on March 28th, accompanied by a number of Woodstock brethren. W. Bro. Creighton presided, and W. Bro. Kenny and Bro. Dutton filled the Wardens' chairs.

This Lodge has been without work for some time, and regular meetings have not been held, consequently there has not been that interest taken that should have been and that the W. Master assured me would be. An application was received, and I believe my successor will be able to present a more favorable report for this Lodge. The visitors were entertained in a hearty manner.

On Tuesday, April 7th, I paid my official visit to St. John's, No. 82, Paris. I have attended this Lodge regularly for two years and can vouch for the interest taken in Masonry in Paris. The second degree was carefully exemplified by W. Bro. Haire and officers. The dues are well paid up. Bro. Barrowclough is an efficient Secretary. After the Lodge was closed a very enjoyable lunch and entertainment was provided. I installed the officers of this Lodge on Tuesday, June 25.

On May 28th I paid my official visit to Norfolk, No. 10, Simcoe. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Atkinson and heartily welcomed by W. Bro. McGill. Notwithstanding the wet night there was a good attendance of the brethren. One candidate was initiated and one brother affiliated. This being the first initiation since the officers were installed, they did remarkably well, the general excellence of the work making more noticeable some slips caused only by want of practice. This Lodge is in good hands, the Secretary being as efficient in his work as the other officers. The dues are well paid up and the Lodge is financially strong. After the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet hall.

On June 7th I visited King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll. There was a good attendance of members and visitors and the second degree was conferred on two candidates in a very careful and pleasing manner by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Phillips, and officers. The way in which the candidates answered the necessary questions and repeated their obligations reflected credit on themselves, their instructors, and the Lodge. This Lodge is in good hands now, and from the ability displayed by the minor officers and candidates is sure to do good work in the future. After the Lodge was closed a choice supper was provided at the new Daly Hotel, at which there were speeches and singing by many talented brethren. The members of this and St. John, No. 68, have

left nothing undone to make my visits to Ingersoll pleasant, and I desire here to express my appreciation.

On May 3rd I attended the reception of the Grand Master by the Woodstock brethren, and on May 20th by the Tilsonburg brethren, both of which were well attended. The Grand Master's addresses were appreciated by all, being full of good advice and instructive. These visits of the Grand Master to Wilson District were appreciated very much and will be of lasting benefit.

In conclusion I desire to express my gratitude to the Brethren of Wilson District for electing me to this high office, and for the kindness shown me during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SMILEY, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No 6, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership.			Degree's conf'rd				Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	100	1	...	2	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1	13	25		10	$ 80 00	June, 1900..	Good.	Fair.	Yes	$ 600 00
37	King Hir'm	Ingersoll ...	68	2	...	3	3	4	..	1	1	...	...	...	1	14	2	16	15	$20 00	20	135 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good.	Yes	300 00
43	King S'l'm.	Woodstock	93	1	...	8	8	5	1	2	4	4	...	...	2	14	10	24	25	65 00	30	152 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	1125 00
68	St. John's..	Ingersoll	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								No R'pt
76	Oxford	Woodstock	127	11	...	10	8	9	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	14	9	23	33	25 00	30	150 00	Jan., 1901...	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	1125 00
78	King Hir'm	Tilsonburg	117	4	...	7	4	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	8	4	12	30	35 00	37	200 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Ex. Good	Yes	300 00	
83	St. John's.	Paris	50	...	1	2	2	2	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	13	1	14	14	...	7	97 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	600 00
104	St. John's.	Norwich	85	4	..	7	8	7	1	...	3	1	...	...	13	1	14	21	20 00	39	161 75	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
106	Burford	Burford	73	6	...	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	3	15	20	10 00	25	200 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	
108	Blenheim..	Princeton	28	3	...	4	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	11	1	12	16		...	5	43 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								No R'pt
149	Erie	Port Dover	58	2	...	2	3	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	12	4	16	15		20	150 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
174	W'lsingh'm	Port Rowan	51	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	11	...	11	20	40 00	12	36 00	Dec., 1900 .	Good.	Splendid	Yes	1200 00	
178	Plattsville.	Plattsville	42	4	..	5	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	2	14	13	2 00	6	61 30	Jan., 1901...	Good.	V'ry Go'd	Yes	250 00	
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	7		6		Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00	
193	Scotland	Scotland	59	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	17	27 00	11	70 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
217	Frederick.	Delhi	52	14	...	12	11	9	1	3	...	...	2	...	14	4	18	20		3	78 08	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Splendid	Yes	450 00	
237	Vienna	Vienna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								No R'pt
250	Thistle	Embro	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	9		15	61 50	June, 1900..	Fair.	Fair.		None	
261	Oak Br'nch	Innerkip	24	2	...	4	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	9	...	...	10	7 00	5	27 00	June, 1900..	Good.	Fair.	No		
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	36	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	15				July, 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes		

WELLINGTON DISTICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F & A. M of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District for the past year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this important and responsible office, and express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the District for the kind, courteous, and true Masonic treatment accorded me on every occasion during my whole term of office. While I appreciate highly the courtesy and kindness that has been extended to me by the brethren of the district, I must say I feel more grateful when I know their actions were an indication of their loyalty to Grand Lodge, and were actuated by a true Masonic spirit to show their loyalty to the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I visited every lodge once, and some of them twice, but have not made any effort to visit any more than once, as I found no Lodge particularly required a second visit, and I am pleased to report that no grievance has been reported to me. It has been my earnest endeavor to have an accuracy and uniformity in the work and have every officer speak out clearly and distinctly, so as to impress indelibly on the mind of every candidate and the brethren the sacredness and dignity of Masonry, so that the teachings that are there exemplified may sink deep into their hearts and minds and bear fruit in every action of their lives.

I am glad to report that I have found the work very creditably done throughout the District and have endeavored to impress on the brethren that while a perfect rendering of the ritual is the first essential of the Mason, he is not to stop there, but follow those beautiful teachings so as to become better men and better Masons, and

the harmony that exists in the District leads me to believe that those teachings have been followed by the brethren.

I wish to thank the Secretaries of the different Lodges for being so punctual in sending me notices of all meetings during the whole year, and I endeavored to notify the Secretaries in ample time of the date of my official visits, with the result that there has been a good attendance at those meetings, not only of the brethren of the Lodge, but also of visiting brethren. And am happy to report that every Lodge in the District contributed very liberally of their own free will to my expenses.

Through a courtesy of the Lodges in the city of Guelph I was enabled to hold a Lodge of Instruction in the city of Guelph on the 5th of April, which was fairly well attended by the brethren of the District, and I have to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his kindness in attending that meeting, and for his instruction given us on that occasion. The officers of Alma, No. 72, exemplified the E. A. degree; Preston, No. 297, and New Hope, No. 279, the F. C., and Galt, No. 257, the M. M., which they did in a creditable manner. At the conclusion of each degree ample time was given for discussion and asking questions, which were answered by a committee of P. D. D. G. M's and myself. I thank the brethren of the Guelph Lodges for their kind and hospitable treatment of the visiting brethren, and also thank the officers that exemplified the different degrees.

Alma, No. 72, Galt: I visited on December 28th, 1900. It has been a custom with this Lodge to invite the D. D. G. M. to pay his official visit at that time, as they hold Past Master's night as near as possible to St. John's Day, when they fill the chairs with Past Masters, and have the work done in an efficient manner as an example for the other officers to follow. The work done that evening was the E. A. degree, which was very well exemplified, and an example of what may very safely be followed as a sample of the way work should be done. I again visited this Lodge on the 24th of June, 1901, when at the request of the W. M. I installed the officers. I am happy to report the oldest Lodge in the District maintaining its reputation, and has had a prosperous year.

Grand River, No. 151, Berlin: I visited on December 11th, 1900. The work for the evening was the elec-

tion of officers and E. A. degree, which was very creditably done. This Lodge had the misfortune of being burned out in January, 1901, which has put them to great inconvenience in not being able to secure suitable accommodation. Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, kindly gave them accommodation until they secured a room in Berlin, which in the meantime is not at all satisfactory, and it will be some time before a suitable room can be secured. They feel the inconvenience very much, as the premises that were destroyed were very commodious and well furnished, which I am pleased to report were well covered by insurance.

Ayr, No. 172, Ayr: The date of my visit to this Lodge was April 2nd, 1901. They had no work on hand, but opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner which satisfied me that they were capable of doing the work, although they have not much practice, having very little work to do during the past year. They have now some work on hand, and financially the Lodge is in good condition.

Speed, No. 180, Guelph: Visited on June 4th, 1901. I notified this Lodge that I would visit them at the May meeting, but had to wire them a day before the meeting that I could not attend, owing to another meeting over which I had no control, and did not notify them in time to insert my visit in the summons calling the June meeting, which made the attendance smaller than it would otherwise have been. They had candidates for the first and second degrees, but neither came forward. The W. M. informed me that the E. A. was not well enough to be advanced, of which I commended them for not advancing candidates before they were properly instructed. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Hepburn, who still takes a lively interest in the affairs of this Lodge.

St. Albans, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this Lodge on January 11th, 1901. They had no work on hand, but opened and closed in the several degrees, which they did very satisfactorily. When the Lodge was open in the several degrees we had a general exemplification of several points pertaining thereto. They have a nicely furnished room, and are making a united effort to pay their entire indebtedness this year.

Irvine, No. 203, Elora: I visited October 19th, 1900. From courtesy to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Burns, I made this my first official visit, as I wished to meet him

and obtain some information regarding the office and the District. I am pleased to state that R. W. Bro. Burns very willingly gave me all the information in his power. They worked the first and second degrees in a very efficient manner. The work in this Lodge is not deteriorating from the high standing given in the report of my predecessor.

Harris, No. 216, Orangeville: Visited February —th, 1901. The attendance at this Lodge was very good considering the weather, as it rained heavily and a number of their members live in the country quite a distance from the Lodge-room. The work for the evening was an initiation, the officers only being recently installed did the work in a manner which led me to believe they would become very efficient officers.

Galt, No. 257, Galt: I visited my mother Lodge December 27th, 1900. Being the night of installation, I installed the officers. This Lodge has had a very successful year, initiating, passing and raising a number of good candidates. On account of the meetings of other Lodges falling on the same night I have been unable to attend the meetings of my mother Lodge with the exception of once, and on that occasion they had two firsts. I found the officers had their work well prepared, and exemplified the E. A. degree in an excellent manner.

Guelph, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this Lodge 12th of March, 1901, and again on the 25th June, and installed their officers. On the occasion of my first official visit the work was conferring first degrees, and was very well done. I suggested the idea of holding a Lodge of Instruction, at which the brethren gave me every assistance.

Harriston, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this Lodge March 11th. On this occasion they had an initiation, the several officers taking their parts very well.

Wellington, No. 271, Erin: I visited this Lodge on May 1st, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Hepburn. The work for the evening was the E. A. degree. The officers, although not having a great lot of work to do, performed their duties very creditably.

New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler: On December 12th, 1900, I visited this Lodge on the occasion of the installation of officers, which duty was performed by R. W. Bro. Taylor, of Galt Lodge, No. 257. I was also pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Jardine and Lockhart, who still take

an active interest in the affairs of the Lodge. I regret to have to say that during the year this Lodge has sustained a serious loss by the death of V. W. Bro. Thos. Shaw, who was accidentally killed in crossing the railway on the 13th of June. V. W. Bro. Shaw was one of the most active and energetic members of New Hope Lodge, and his place will be hard to fill, as he was a Mason in every sense of the word.

Conestoga, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this Lodge January 8th, 1901, and considering the wet night the attendance was very good. The work for the evening was one initiation, which was fairly well done. This Lodge has been giving well to Bro. W. Wood, and has been receiving funds from Grand Lodge for his assistance. I had the privilege of visiting Bro. Wood and found him paralyzed and in a totally helpless condition. He is very grateful for the assistance received both from his own Lodge and Grand Lodge.

Preston, No. 297, Preston: I visited this Lodge on March 29th and on June 28th. On the occasion of my first visit I was accompanied by W. Bros. Mitchell and Thomas, of Galt Lodge. The work was the second degree, which was well done. My second visit was for the purpose of installing the officers, but unfortunately the W. M.-elect was suddenly called from home and the installation could not be proceeded with.

Durham, No. 306, Durham: Visited March 5th, 1901. They had no work on, but opened in the three degrees. I found the W. M., S. and J. W .well posted, and the government of the Lodge can be safely left in their hands.

Blair, No. 314, Palmerston: On December 21st I visited this Lodge, being the night of installation, which duty was performed by R. W. Bro. Hyndman in a very efficient manner. There was no other work on hand, but I am satisfied from what I saw of the newly elected officers that the work will be well performed during their term. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and is giving liberally to the support of the widow of a late brother.

Clifford, No. 315, Clifford: Visited June 6th, 1901. This Lodge has not been very prosperous of late, they having suffered very heavily by the removal to other places of a number of their officers, but what they lack in numbers they make up in a true Masonic spirit. They

passed a ballot and elected a candidate, and their prospects for the coming year are brighter.

Prince Arthur, No. 334, Arthur: On the occasion of my visit January 29th, 1901, I was accompanied by Bro. G. Hancock, of Galt, and also had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Burns and a number of Elora brethren. The attendance was good and the work well performed. They have had very efficient Masters in Bro. Snyder and Rev. Bro. Chadwick.

Mercer, No. 347, Fergus: Visited 7th June, 1901, and also attended an "At Home" in connection with this Lodge. It is now getting into a much better position than reported by my predecessor, they having moved into a very comfortable room, and with the energy they are getting into Masonry I look for a bright future. The candidates for the evening did not come forward, but from the manner of opening and closing I am satisfied they are capable of performing the work.

Waverley, No. 361, Guelph; I visited this Lodge 25th March, 1901, accompanied by W. Bro. Murray and Rev. Bro. Knowles, of Galt. The attendance was very good, not only from the Lodge, but also from the brethren of the sister Lodges in the city. In this Lodge and other Lodges of the city the work was very well done. I also attended an "At Home" under their auspices, which was a grand success, and I spent a very enjoyable evening.

Scott, No. 421, Grand Valley: On the occasion of my visit to this Lodge on the 30th of January I was accompanied by W. Bro. Findlay and others, of Prince Arthur Lodge, and had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hopkins. I was very favorably impressed by the work of the newly installed officers. I was also pleased with the great care they exercised in the ballot in the selection of candidates, which speaks well for the prosperity of the Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to say that I lay down the mantle of office with mingled feelings of gladness and sorrow. While I am glad to be relieved of the duties of office, I am sorry to part officially from my brethren who have been so kind and hospitable to me on every occasion, and who have always treated me with the utmost kindness.

Fraternally submitted,

W. COWAN, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership			Degree's conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D	Suspensions, other cases.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.										
72	Alma	Galt	89	...	5	4	2	2	1	...	8	...	...	2	10	5	17	20	$75 00			June, 1901	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
151	The G. Riv.	Berlin	108	2	...	2	4	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	6	22	10 00	12	$ 36 75	Dec., 1900	Fair	Fair	Yes	Insur'd	
172	Ayr	Ayr	25	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	10	3	13	10	10 00			June, 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	None.	
180	Speed	Guelph	77	1	9	1	1	2	1	...	6	3	...	...	13	...	13	25	59 50	14	200 00	June, 1901	Good	Fair	Yes	None.	
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	46	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	12	...	...	14	...	14	15	21 00	4	50 00	June, 1900	Fair	Good	No	$ 500 00	
203	Irvine	Elora	51	3	...	5	4	4	2	...	4	...	...	...	13	1	14	14	5 00	8	44 00	June, 1900	V'ry good	V'ry good	Yes	400 00	
216	Harris	Orangeville	119	7	...	8	8	12	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	12	21½	50 00	15	92 10	June, 1900	Fair	Bright	Yes	500 00	
257	Galt	Galt	72	14	...	12	11	10	2	...	1	3	...	1	12	7	19	22		22	65 00	June, 1900	$225 00	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
258	Guelph	Guelph	85	5	...	6	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	14	21	15 00	14	104 00	July, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	Yes.	
262	Harriston	Harriston	69	9	...	9	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	23	42 00	13	65 00	Jan., 1900	$538 00	Favr'ble	Yes	$ 500 00	
271	Wellington	Erin	52	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	9	...	9	11	5 00	12	56 50	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
279	New Hope	Hespeler	54	...	2	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	2	12	2	14	14	75	14	140 00	June, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
295	Conestoga	Drayton	31	3	5	3	3	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	11	7	18	12	40 00	5	22 00	May, 1901	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
297	Preston, ...	Preston	34	3	2	3	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	11	1	12	18	10 00	11	65 30	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
306	Durham	Durham	35	2	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	6	2	8	14		7	42 42	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	None.	
314	Blair	Palmerston	58	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	11	51 55	16	92 00	July, 1001	Clear	Fair	Yes	$ 500 00	
315	Clifford	Clifford	25	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	7	3	10	8	5 00	4	16 50	June, 1900	Good	Fair	Yes	None.	
334	Prin'e Art'r	Arthur	46	1	...	4	5	4	1	3	3	4	...	...	14	2	16	14	25 00	8	39 00	Dec., 1990	Good	Good	Yes	$ 400 00	
347	Mercer	Fergus	40	7	...	4	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	15	25 00	8			Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
361	Waverley...	Guelph	103	5	...	7	7	6	2	3	...	...	...	...	12	5	17	27	25 80			Dec., 1900	V'ry good	Best	Yes	600 00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	65	9	...	9	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	16		5	29 75	June, 1901	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 8, during the year ending June 24th, 1901.

I desire to thank most sincerely the brethren of the District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. I shall ever retain, in happy remembrance, the hearty and cordial receptions given me wherever I went in the District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. D. Waterous, of Doric Lodge, Brantford, District Secretary. I have visited, officially, all the twenty-one Lodges in the District once, some of them twice, as well as attending a Lodge meeting every night during the year, in some part of the District, that there was a meeting held. I have endeavored in every way to assist and encourage the officers to have the work well rendered, as you cannot expect to interest the members, who sit around the Lodge-room night after night, with imperfect work.

I have also during the hours of refreshment impressed upon the minds of the brethren the importance of carrying the lesson we are taught in the Lodge-room into our every-day life. As the outside world is not in possession of our secrets, they are not able to judge of Masonry as we see it exemplified in the Lodge-room, but he should prove by his actions that he is as Masonry claims he should be, of irreproachable character.

I am pleased to state that there is a marked improvement in the weaker Lodges, where an increased and more active interest among the officers has resulted in a number of applications, inspired new zeal among the officers and given new life and vigor to the Lodge. It is also very gratifying for me to state that at no time in the history of the District has there been a more harmonious feeling of good-fellowship and brotherly love. An unusually large amount of work has been performed,

and as far as I have been able to judge from personal observation the material has been most carefully selected (mostly young men), and the work has been carefully and impressively performed.

In reference to our six city Lodges, with the steady growth of our beautiful city, there has come to us an increased membership in most of the Lodges, also received a large number of applications and have enjoyed a fair share of prosperity.

A very pleasing feature that came to my notice was that almost every Lodge I visited some worthy brother or brother's widow was assisted in some way by the Lodge. In two instances the funds of the Lodge were not available, the brethren placed a plate on the altar and a good sum was collected. I have also endeavored to carry out the instructions of the Grand Master in reference to the demitted brethren, also the suspended or unfortunate brothers whose only crime was poverty or inability to pay dues. I have been fairly successful in a number of Lodges.

It has been very gratifying to me to notice, with about two exceptions in the Lodges of my District, the continued faithfulness and zeal of a number of Past Masters. In some instances to these veterans belongs almost the entire credit of having carried their Lodge through times of difficulty and depression. Have found, by looking over the register, they have been constant in attendance, and ever ready and able to render valuable assistance in whatever capacity their services were required.

Acting on instructions from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, dated September 17th, 1900, to heal Thomas S. Hill, attended Doric Lodge, No. 382, held at Hamilton on evening of same date, and after carefully examining him as to his proficiency in the degrees, found him fairly well posted. Obligated him in the three degrees and gave him the necessary certificate.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Visited this Lodge on the evening of October 3rd, 1900, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bros. McCallum, Malloy and V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. Greenfield and Fred. Walter. Found the Lodge doing very well. Regular meeting well attended. Owing to the absence of the W. M., Bro. Sewn, who having called on me to explain why he could not be present at the meeting (which was satisfactory), the P. M's conferred one initiation and

three raising, which was done in a very creditable manner, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshments. A very pleasant time was spent. The meeting was very late and I had fourteen miles to drive.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on the evening of October 9th, it being the occasion of their annual Scotch night, when all the officers and about ten members were dressed in Highland costume. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. Crisp on Bro. Wm. Hendrie (a Scotchman) in a clear, correct, and impressive manner. Visited this Lodge again on December 11th and presided at the election of officers, at which Bro. Geo. H. Carley conferred degrees, and consider him worthy of his being called Wor. Master. The Lodge has, during the year, been very prosperous both under W. Bros. Crisp and Carley, having paid off old debts and have a very good cash balance. Prospects are very bright at present.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: Visited this Lodge on the evening of December 3rd, 1900. Situated as it is, it is a very strong Lodge, composed of bright and intelligent members, who take a very active interest in the Lodge work. They meet in a very comfortable hall, although growing too small for them at the time of my visit. A committee was appointed to arrange for a new hall. Have heard since that a building has been started in the village of Stoney Creek. W. Bro. McNally conferred a second degree in a very creditable manner. Presided at election of officers, after which the Lodge adjourned to refreshment, where a very pleasant hour was spent. They have added four new members during the year. Financial standing is exceedingly good.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: Paid an official visit to this Lodge on the evening of December 6th. Being the annual meeting, there was a large attendance. Presided at election of officers, and there being a good selection I feel certain that the Lodge will again boom along under the guidance of W. Bro. J. R. Jones. The Lodge, while not doing much work, has had a good attendance at all regular meetings, and is in a good financial condition.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge officially on the evening of December 14th, 1900. Being the annual meeting, held for the purpose of elec-

tion of officers, and having seen the officers confer all the degrees a number of times, there was no work done. On looking over the register for the past year, I was particularly struck with the regular attendance of a number of the Past Masters of the Lodge, among whom being Most Wor. Bro. Hugh Murray. To the deep interest they take in its welfare can be attributed to a large extent the prosperity and enthusiasm of its members. W. Bro. S. Morgan, in the East, has during the year 1900 acquitted himself with credit. His work is careful and impressive. His successor, W. Bro. C. O. Nichol, also does good work. The attendance of a large number of young members augurs well for the future of the Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: Being my mother Lodge, have attended all the meetings held by the Lodge since 1882, with the exception of the date on which Grand Lodge has been held at a distance further from Hamilton than Toronto. Was very cordially received by the officers and brethren. I desire to thank the members for the very great assistance they have given me during the year. Have always had two or more P. M's with me on every visit, as well from two to twenty members. Visited the Lodge officially on the evening of December 20th. Presided at the election of officers, at which Bro. A. P. Nichol was elected W. M. As he has passed through all the chairs from steward up, has had experience and is well up in the work. The W. M., John T. Crawford, for 1900, closed a very successful year. The Secretary's (V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister) books are models of neatness and very interesting to look through, being complete from time of the organization. The Lodge closed the year June 24th with 350 members. Visited the Lodge at its March meeting, at which 21 Past Masters took part in the degree work.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on the evening of December 21st, it being the annual meeting. Presided at election of officers, at which Bro. W. E. LeChance was elected W .M. Have since seen him do degree work in a very correct and impressive manner. W. Bro. Robert Morton, the retiring Master, closed a very successful year, being an expert degree worker. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Examined the Secretary's (W. Bro. W. C. Morton) books and found them neatly and correctly kept. Also visited the Lodge on the evening of June 21st, at which Rt. Wor. Bro. T. M. Davis initiated his son.

INSTALLATION.

Attended joint installation of Strict Observance, No. 27; St. John, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61; Temple, No. 324, on Dec. 27th and installed the officers, assisted by Rt. W. Bros. John Malloy, R. Gunn, T. McCallum, T. M. Davis, V. W. Bros. Alex. Smith, W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. Clark, Mathews, Parke, McMichael, Morgan, Walter, Reynolds. W. Bro. K. Bethune gave the closing charge in a very excellent and expressive manner.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: Visited this Lodge on the evening of February 27th. Was very cordially received by W. Bro. Glover and brethren. A very pleasant evening was spent by short addresses from distinguished brethren present, also degree work. The condition of the Lodge is very good. Work well rendered and average attendance (21) fairly good. The Secretary, Bro. Hicks, is very painstaking.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: Visited Oakville Lodge on evening of March 5th, 1901, accompanied by ten P. M's from Hamilton. Three initiations were conferred by W. Bro. Forester in a correct and impressive manner, assisted by the P. M. of the Lodge. There was no work done last year, but prospects are extremely bright this year. The outstanding dues are much smaller than last year, which speaks well of the work of the Secretary, Bro. Bradbury.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Visited this Lodge on the evening of March 12th. Was very cordially received by W. Bro. J. R. Hamilton and other officers. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was conferred by W. Bro. Hamilton. As the officers of the Lodge are among the best in the District, it is needless to say that the work was correct and very well done. All the officers know their part and give them well and in a very impressive manner. Bro. Fred Westbrook, the Junior Warden, gave the E. A. degree lecture on the tracing board, and it could not have been more perfectly rendered than it was on this occasion. The Secretary's books were examined and found well kept. The finances of the Lodge are good.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: Paid an official visit to this Lodge on Friday evening, March 29th, accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. Davis and W. Bro. J. E. Riddell. This Lodge has had a very successful year, hav-

initiated eight, receiving four applications on this date. A third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sykes, assisted by W. Bros. Harley, Grant, Beaumont and Watson, after which an adjournment was made to the Bennett House. The officers are very careful as to the correct wording of the ritual, also found the Secretary's (Bro. T. R. Erngey) books very neatly and correctly kept.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: Visited this Lodge on the evening of April 1st, accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. T. M. Davis, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, and W. Bro. J. E. Riddell. They meet in a very comfortable hall. Average attendance 13, and two visitors. Have initiated 6 this year. Outstanding dues very small, $19. Cash on hand about $200. Carry an insurance of $200. Books are neatly and well kept by Bro. W. R. Kenny, who has been secretary for fourteen years. On the evening of my visit three applications were accepted. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. J. McKinnon in a very correct and impressive manner, after which an hour was spent very pleasantly by talking over the work and other business of the Lodge.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: Visited this Lodge officially on the evening of April 2nd. It is known far and wide for its hospitality. There were a large number of members and visitors present. The Lodge has had a very successful year, under the guidance of W. Bro. G. D. Farmer, who is an enthusiastic Mason in every sense of the term. The greatest spirit of harmony prevails among the members of the Lodge, while they are known for their "Good Fellowship." Their ritualism is hard to beat. After the Lodge closed the brethren were invited to a banquet, held in the Henderson House, at which the W. M. presided. Songs and speeches were indulged in for two hours. All departed, wishing Seymour every success. This Lodge has recently purchased the building in which they meet, having paid cash for it, and still have $300 on hand. Have initiated 15, yhich is a large number for a Lodge situated as they are.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Visited this Lodge on the evening of April 15th, 1901, it being a special meeting. Was accompanied by a large number of brethren from Hamilton. The attendance of members was good, including many from the surrounding district. An initiation was conferred by W. Bro. Hetherington in

a very creditable manner. The Lodge is progressing very well under the guidance of Bro. Hetherington. For the membership the outstanding dues, $300, I consider far too large an amount, and request that a strong effort should be made to reduce it.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Milgrove: Visited this Lodge a number of times during the year. Paid an official visit on April 30th, 1901, accompanied by Rt. W. Bros. Malloy, T. M. Davis, Bros. Clark and Gibson. A very good attendance. One candidate was initiated by Bro. A. Smith in a very creditable manner. This Lodge has been somewhat slow for three or four years past. The officers for the present year are deserving of the greatest praise for the able manner in which they have worked to pull the Lodge together, having initiated 12 new members, all young men, who will reflect credit on the Craft. I consider $49 a small amount of outstanding dues.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135: Visited this Lodge on the evening of May 2nd, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bros. J. G. Liddell, T. M. Davis and V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister. Up to the present time ten applications had been accepted, which speaks well for the officers this year. Their work is well done and meetings very harmonious. Membership, 66. Called the attention of the Lodge to the amount of outstanding dues, being large. This matter, I think, will receive more attention from Bro. Peacock, the new Secretary. Prospects of the Lodge are very good under the management of W. Bro. J. McLeod.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: In company with Most Wor. Bros. Hugh Murray and Wm. Gibson, Rt. Wor. Bros. Donald McPhie and T. M. Davis, W. Bros. Mercer, C. O. Nichol, A. Cunningham, Carley, Zimmerman, and Bros. D. R. Gibson and Jas. Johnston, visited Doric Lodge on the evening of May 17th. Having seen W. M. Wm. Robinson do work before there was no work done. Was most cordially received and introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. G. Liddell and W. Bro. Mayor Woods to the W. M., Bro. W. Robinson, and brethren. The W. M. received me with a very neat and complimentary speech, to which I found some difficulty in replying, as without exception it was the most royal reception I had received during the year. The Junior Warden's lecture in the E. A. degree was exemplified with limelight views by W. Bro. A. Cunningham, which proved very interest-

ing to the large number present (240). The Lodge was then called off for one hour for the purpose of holding a sacred concert. The innovation was the introduction of about thirty ladies (wives of the officers and members) to the Lodge-room, which greatly added to the evening's entertainment, and was greatly enjoyed by the ladies, as several expressed themselves in saying that it was one of the prettiest sights they had ever seen to see four lines of men on each side of the long room in blue collars and aprons, crowned at the end with a row of gold regalia, with two stout brethren in the center covered all over with gold. The talent was without exception the best talent that could be procured in this part of Ontario. As each lady rendered her part two tiny tots of giris presented to the lady and accompanist a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The manner in which it was done was interesting. W. Bro. Heyd, M. P.P., on behalf of the Lodge, presented a P. D. D. G. M. regalia to Rt. Wor. Bro. James G. Liddell, and was myself the recipient of a very beautiful gold headed cane at the hands of W. Bro. D. Waterous, on behalf of the Lodge. Most Wor. Bro. Hugh Murray gave a twenty-minute talk on matters of interest in his experience in Masonry, which proved very interesting, after which an excellent repast was provided under the management of Bro. Edmenson, caterer. The ladies were royally entertained at a banquet provided in the Chapter room. The Lodge has had a very prosperous year, having initiated nineteen, affiliated six, and restored three. Financial standing good.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: Visited this Lodge on Wednesday evening, May 29th. Was accompanied by seven other brethren, among whom were Rt. W. Bro. John Malloy and Bro. Mattice, who had spent their early boyhood days in Caledonia. I was introduced by V. W. Bro. James Old and W. Bro. W. B. Bingle. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. W. B. Arrell and officers of the Lodge in a very excellent manner. The attendance was very good, considering the condition of the roads after four weeks of continued wet weather. The officers served refreshments to the members and visitors in the Lodge-rooms. The toast of St. Andrew's Lodge was responded to by W. Bros. W. B. Arrell, Old, McRitchie and Thompson. W. Bro. Thompson is deserving of praise for the manner in

which his books are kept and also for the small amount of outstanding dues ($28).

St. George's Lodge, No. 343, St. George: Visited this Lodge on Thursday evening, May 30th, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bros. Thomas McCallum and T. M. Davis. Considering the bad roads the attendance was very large. W. Bro. Thomson conferred the third degree, assisted by P. M. Lawrason. There are 51 members on the roll, and the financial condition is good, while they have only increased one during the year, but the prospects are bright, and feel satisfied a better showing will be made next year.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on the evening of June 7th. Very large number of members and visitors present. As I had seen the officers of the Lodge do considerable work during the year, it was thought best not to do any work. Presided at the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. R. B. Griffith was elected W. M., and feel safe in saying that with the assistance of the officers the Lodge will make a good showing under his charge. Would bespeak for him the assistance of the P. M's of the Lodge. Out of a total of 45 P. M's there there are only about two who have rendered any assistance during the past year to W. Bro. S. G. Moore, who is a painstaking officer and was worthy of more assistance.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on the evening of June 17th. It being the annual meeting, a large number of members and visitors were present. One initiation was conferred by W. Bro. F. L. Nash in a very impressive manner. Presided at the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. George H. Lanigan was elected W. M., and augurs well for the prosperity of Doric. This Lodge had a very prosperous year, having conferred fifty degrees without any emergent meeting. Total membership, 170. Average attendance very good, and financial standing first-class. About $500 cash on hand.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, and Doric Lodge, No. 382: Attended joint meeting of these Lodges on the evening of June 22nd and installed the officers for the ensuing twelve months. Secretarys' and Treasurers' reports were read and referred to the auditors. Was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bros. A. T. Freed, John Malloy, T. M. Davis, W. G. Reid, Thos. McCallum, and W. Bros. Dr. Rey-

nolds, Wm. LeChance, Fred. Walter, T. Clappison and James Dixon.

In conclusion I would say that the work of all the Worshipful Masters in the District is well done and in accord with the Ritual of the Grand Lodge. I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the Hamilton District who so kindly accompanied me on my visits, among whom were Most Wor. Bros. Hugh Murray and Wm. Gibson, Rt. Wor. Bros. John Malloy, W. G. Reid, J. G. Liddell, Thos. McCallum, T. M. Davis, Donald McPhie, W. F. Miller, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. A. P. Nichol, Walter Greenfield, C. S. Morgan, C. O. Nichol, Fred. Walter, Jas. Cheyne, J. E. Riddell, Jas. Mercer and Bros. D. R. Gibson, A. B. Clark, Jas. Johnston and Walter Evans.

I bespeak for my successor in office the same measure of kindness and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. BIRRELL, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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6	Barton	Hamilton	329	...	6	4	10	8	1	...	1	5	...	5	11	1	12	40			$ 500 00	June, 1901..	Good.	Good.	Yes	$ 300 00
27	St't Obs'r'e	Hamilton	289	10		11	8	8	2	3	2	2	...	2	13	1	14	40	$43 47	35	95 00	June, 1901..	Excell'nt	Bright.	Yes	Gener'l
40	St John's..	Hamilton	350	...	5	8	8	5	3	1	4	4	...	9	13	2	15	44	150 00	95	322 38	June, 1901..	Excell'nt	Fair.	Yes	Jointly
45	Brant	Bra tford	138	17	...	18	15	10	2	4	2	3	..	2	13	15	18	33	41 50	30	290 00	June, 1901..	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	$1200 00
57	Harmony..	Binbrook	60	5	..	4	5	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	15	2 00	15	111 38	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Fair.	Yes	
61	Acacia	Hamilton	279	11	...	23	20	22	6	1	8	6	...	4	13	4	17	44	240 00	59	193 85	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	
62	St. Andr'ws	Caledonia	41	5	...	5	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	19	7 00	8	28 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
100	Valley	Dnndas	87	4	...	6	6	5	4	2	4	3	...	1	13	4	17	24	30 00	15	145 67	June, 1901..	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
121	Doric	Bran ford	187	18	...	19	18	5	6	3	2	7	...	2	13	9	22	35	30 40	44	202 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	1500 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	66	4	...	3	2	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	3	2	5	20					Fair.	Good.	Yes	500 00
165	Burlington	Burlington	58	8	...	7	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	20		10	140 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good.	Yes	
166	Wentw'rth	Stony Creek	95	4	...	4	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	4	16	34	71 65	20	70 00	June, 1901..	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	69	8	...	8	6	5	2	1	...	...	...	1	14	1	15	22		11	87 20	June, 1901..	Good.	Bright.	Yes	300 00
243	St. George.	St. George	51	1	...	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	15	16		7	110 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	77	...	...	15	14	13	1	...	1	...	...	...	13	2	15	30	15 00	12	120 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	49	1	...	3	3	3	...	1	3	...	...	...	11	5	16	15	15 00	25	75 00	June, 1901..	Good.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
321	Walker	Acton West	37	7	...	6	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	6	18	15		4	19 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes
324	Temple	Hamilton	278	20	...	20	20	15	3	...	3	5	3	2	13	5	18	35			241 17	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes
357	Waterd'wn	Millgrove	51	12	...	12	12	9	...	...	2	6	...	...	12	2	14	14		21	49 00	Dec., 1901...	$200 00	Good.	Yes	$ 150 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	170	24	...	18	18	14	6	2	1	...	...	3	13	...	13	40	35 00	43	147 75	June, 1901.	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	Com'ed
400	Oakville	Oakville	82	12	...	11	7	4	3	..	...	...	...	...	5	3	8	35			110 50		Good.	V'ry Go'd	Yes	$ 400 00

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with pride and pleasure I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, for the year ending June, 1901.

My first official act was the appointment of R. W. Bro. H. S. Broughton, P. D. D. G. M. of Simcoe, No. 79, as District Secretary, and to him I am much indebted for the valuable assistance and advice he has given me in the performance of my duties. I also appointed Rev. George B. Morley, of Simcoe Lodge, as District Chaplain.

I next sent a circular to each Lodge giving notice of my appointment, and stating the work I expected when I made my official visit. I also requested notices of each meeting, with the work to be done, the prompt collecting of dues, the keeping of Lodge furniture and paraphernalia fully insured, the prompt filling up and transmitting of all returns, and the electing of thoroughly competent brethren to the East.

There are twenty Lodges in this District, nineteen warranted and one under dispensation.

I made one official visit to each Lodge and arranged my visits so that only one emergency meeting had to be called.

I witnessed the ordinary opening and closing in the three degrees and an exemplification of one or more of the degrees in all the Lodges.

In seventeen Lodges bona fide candidates were presented. In the other two, real material appeared on the summons, but through no fault of the candidates or the Lodges concerned, volunteers were used to illustrate the work.

The work in nine Lodges was excellent, in seven good, in two fair, and in one poor.

The corrections necessary to be made, and the suggestions given, were in every case received in a true

Masonic spirit. Indeed, I had occasion to find but little fault and I did not hesitate to commend every honest effort, for a recognition of such is a great stimulus to deserving workers in any field.

In one case a deviation from the ordinary J. W's lecture occurred. The enthusiastic brother gave a version much different from and far longer than the authorized one. While I recognized its beauty, and so on, I informed him and the Lodge that a strict adherence to the established work was absolutely necessary.

Nearly all the Lodges are presided over by well-skilled Masters, and in only one case was I inclined to believe that a brother had accepted the honor of the highest office in a Lodge without being prepared to assume the obligations incident to it.

I paid particular attention to the two Lodges not visited last year. The one that gave most concern is, I hope, in a fair way to resume its former position among the prosperous Lodges of the District.

In justice to Georgian District, I feel it my duty to state that every Lodge contributed its share towards my expenses without the slightest hint from me, and in some cases my hotel expenses as well.

The detailed statement will show a considerable increase in membership, and so far as I was able to judge the material accepted will be a credit to the institution.

Never, I believe, have the Lodges in this District shown to better advantage or exhibited a keener desire to excel than during the year just closed.

Excepting the case of Northern Light, I have had no occasion through the year to decide any question that could disturb the harmony of the brethren.

Fully recognizing the benefits that result from a general Lodge of Instruction, and desiring to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge in this respect, I had hoped to be able to make the necessary arrangements, but I am sorry to say that my efforts along this line were not successful.

BY-LAWS.

Many alterations to By-laws have been received and forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master for his approval. Many By-laws submitted during the year have been too lengthy; shorter and more condensed forms, not mixed with extraneous matter, would answer every purpose just as well.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations to the following Lodges to attend Divine service on June 23rd: Spry, No. 385, Beeton; Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford; Nitetis, No. 444, Creemore; Caledonian, No. 249, Midland.

DEATHS.

The following have been reported to me:

Bro. David McQuade, Manito, No. 90, Collingwood.

Bro. Thomas W. Simpson, Corinthian, No. 96, Barrie.

Bro. James McKeggie, Kerr, No. 230, Barrie.

Simcoe, No. 79, Bradford: I visited this, my own Lodge, on February 5th, and was royally received and entertained by the brethren, who had assembled to do honor to the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, elected from their own Lodge. Over 90 members and visitors were present. Among the latter were R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Jory, of Kerr, Barrie; W. Bro. Mackay, of Manitoba, Cookstown; V. W. Bro. Wright, of Seven Star, Alliston; V. W. Bro. Croft and W. Bro. Goldsmith, of Spry, Beeton; V. W. Bro. J. Jones, of Orient, Toronto, and W. Bro. Radcliffe, of Rising Sun, Aurora. A candidate was passed to the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The candidate's proficiency in the work of the first degree drew forth words of praise from the visiting brethren. Simcoe Lodge, among others, adopted R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan's suggestion two years ago for extended instruction in the work of the degrees, and since then the set questions, obligations, working tools, and an explanation of as much as possible of the symbolism of Masonry have been required of the candidates. I had the honor of installing the newly-elected officers on December 27th, and I am pleased to be able to state that W. Bro. Oldham and his officers have endeavored to justify the confidence of the brethren by using their best efforts to carry out faithfully the duties with which they were entrusted. There were seven applications on the night of my visit. The financial standing is good. The material accepted is the very best. When the Lodge was closed a splendid banquet took place at the Queen's Hotel, the menu being one that would have appealed to the most fastidious palate.

St. Georges, No. 88, and North Star, No. 322, Owen

Sound: Visited these Lodges on the 10th of April, a joint meeting being held for my convenience. I was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic gathering. It was North Star's regular meeting, and after the routine business a candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Wright, W. M., in a very creditable manner. I complimented the officers on their efficiency in the work. The officers of St. George's then took the chairs and passed a well-prepared candidate. The ceremony of the degree was performed by W. Bro. McKenzie, W. M., and his able staff, to my complete satisfaction. The lecture by the S. W., Bro. Marshall, was exceptionally good. Both Lodges have excellent secretaries, whose books are kept in an up-to-date style. The outstanding dues were considerable, but I trust steps have been taken to have them materially reduced. The greatest harmony exists among the brethren of these Lodges, and they freely visit one with the other. A banquet at the close of the Lodge brought to an end an enjoyable evening not soon to be forgotten.

Manito, No. 90, Collingwood: In company with W. Bro. Pedwell, P. M. of Beaver Lodge, who introduced me to the Collingwood brethren, I visited this Lodge on March 6th. As usual, when a D. D. G. M. pays his official visit to Manito, I received a hearty reception. There was a large number of brethren present, including many Past Masters, all of whom I was pleased to see, for when Past Masters are regular in attendance at the Lodge there is not much fear but that the Lodge will prosper. I was more than pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Toner, Nettleton and Aylesworth, P. D. D. G. M's, on this occasion. The ballot was passed on four candidates, and the result showed that the portals of Manito are strictly guarded. The third degree was conferred on a bright, intelligent candidate, who will doubtless be a credit to the Craft. The ceremony was accurately and impressively rendered by W. Bro. Wynes, W. M., assisted by his able staff of officers The books are accurately and neatly kept. The financial condition is good and the outlook bright. A splendid banquet, with the usual toasts, brought to a close this pleasant visit.

Corinthian, No. 96, Barrie: March 7th was the date of my official visit to this Lodge. There were over 70 members and visitors present, and my reception was strictly in accordance with the history of this Lodge

when receiving the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. Four candidates were initiated by W. Bros. Montgomery, Cowan, Warren and Wilkes, each taking a candidate in turn. Everything considered, this was the best work I witnessed during the year. The lecture by the J. W. was faultless, and the charge as given by the S. W. would be difficult to equal, while the J. D's duties were the most pleasantly and accurately performed of any it has been my pleasure to witness. The work was beyond criticism. Corinthian Lodge is in a most flourishing condition. It is enjoying a period of prosperity in a large influx of new members, and each communication brings with it a large amount of work to be done. The candidates initiated on the night of my visit were bright young men, who ought to be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Donald Ross keeps his books in good style. A banquet followed, where speeches were made and toasts honored, and thus closed one of those pleasant meetings of my official career.

Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford: My visit to this Lodge on March 8th was one of the many pleasing incidents that have marked my term of office. Forty-five members and visitors were present. W. Bros. Boyd, Carson, Hammell, Sparling, Corley and Cleland, P. M's, were present. Three candidates were balloted for and accepted. The second degree was conferred on a candidate, who passed a very satisfactory examination in the work of the first degree. The lecture by Bro. Sing, S. W., and the charge by W. Bro. Boyd, P. M., were splendidly given. This Lodge is presided over by W. Bro. Stephens, who is an earnest and zealous Mason, and with the splendid staff of officers who assist him, with a healthy treasury, active increasing membership of good material, and punctual and accurate attention to business and ceremonies, there can be little doubt but that prosperity must continue to characterize it. The Secretary, Bro. Patterson, keeps a neat set of books. Refreshments were served at the close of the Lodge, and a pleasant time spent in speech and song, to the satisfaction of all present.

Orillia, No. 192, Orillia: I visited this Lodge on March 1st, and received a most cordial welcome. An important function was being held in the town, which explained the absence of some of the brethren, but the enthusiasm of those present made up for any lack of

numbers. The East was well filled with P. M's. R. W. Bro. Roper, P. D. D. G. M., who takes great interest in the Lodge, was present. The first degree was conferred on a very intelligent candidate by W. Bro. Calverley, W. M., in a manner, which for accuracy and impressiveness, so far as the W. M. was concerned, I have never seen surpassed. Had the duties of the subordinate officers been as well performed the whole would have been little short of perfection. The Lodge-room is a beautiful one and most handsomely furnished, indeed it is one of the best in the District. The books are kept in a neat and orderly manner by the faithful Secretary, W. Bro. McBain. The dues unpaid at the time of my visit were considerable, but I was assured that an effort would be made at once to have them reduced. The portals are carefully guarded, only the very best material being accepted. After the Lodge was closed a splendid supper was served, and the speeches that followed showed the harmony that exists and the enthusiasm of the officers in the interests of the Lodge.

Kerr, No. 230, Barrie: This was my first official visit in the District and was made on November 19th. Notwithstanding the wet weather and bad roads, the hall was crowded with members and visitors. The large turnout from Corinthian, among whom were R. W. Bros. King, Monkman, Fletcher, P. D. D. G. M's, and W. Bros. Wesley and Cowan, showed the true Masonic spirit that exists among the brethren of these Lodges. This Lodge is the Masonic home of R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., and a large number of other able and enthusiastic P. M's, so that it is never allowed to fall behind in regard to accurate and impressive work. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified by W. M. Houghton Lennox, M. P., and the regular officers of the Lodge in a very creditable manner. The lecture by the J. W. and the charge by the S. W. were admirably rendered. The books were found to be carefully and neatly kept and the finances well cared for. I congratulated the members upon the condition of their Lodge and the outlook of prosperity stretching before it. After the Lodge was closed an adjournment was made to the spacious dining hall, where an excellent repast was supplied, after which an hour or two spent in speech and song brought to a close this pleasant and instructive meeting.

Beaver, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited this Lodge on March 5th, and was most cordially received by the officers and members. I regretted very much that the W. M., W. Bro. Reekie, was seriously ill and unable to attend to his duties. I received a communication from him since, suggesting a second visit, but I considered this unnecessary, for I was perfectly satisfied from what I heard and from the manner in which the principal and subordinate officers acquitted themselves that W. Bro. Reekie is an able and skilful ruler of his Lodge. W. Bro. Pedwell opened the Lodge, and after the ordinary business R. W. Bro. Kent. P. D. D. G. M., took the chair and initiated a candidate in good style. The lecture by the J. W. and the charge by the S. W. were well given. I had expected to see good work done in this Lodge, and I am glad to say I was not disappointed. The books are perfect models of neatness and correctness. Much praise is due to the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Dickinson, for the flourishing financial condition of this Lodge. The brethren of Beaver are strong believers in the social features of our institution, for an excellent banquet followed, with the usual toasts, songs, etc., and was heartily enjoyed by all.

Manitoba, No. 236, Cookstown: On the 7th of May I made this official visit and was delighted to meet R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., who is always a most welcome guest in any Lodge in the District. There was a fair representation of members and a number of visitors from Bradford and Beeton. A second degree appeared on the summons, but the candidate was unavoidably absent. The first degree was exemplified on a volunteer. The W. M., W. Bro. Mackay, proved himself to be a correct and able exemplifier of the work. The duties of the S. W. and some of the other officers were not performed with that accuracy and promptness I had expected to witness. Frequent meetings for instruction are necessary to bring the officers up to that state of efficiency generally found in the Lodges of this District. Bro. Coleman is a most attentive and painstaking Secretary, and under his management the books have been put in good shape, a reform which was much needed. The financial condition is said to be good. A pleasing feature of the excellent fourth degree was an able and instructive address on the principles of Masonry by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, an address which was highly appreciated by every brother present.

Caledonian, No. 249, Midland: Driving over from Penetang in company with W. Bro. Martin, W .M., Georgian, No. 348, I visited this Lodge on January 29th and was warmly received by the officers and brethren. The opening and closing in the three degrees was well done, and two well-prepared candidates were passed to the second degree very satisfactorily, so far as the W. M., W. Bro. Walbridge, was concerned, but some of the subordinate officers were not up to the mark. This was, in a measure, due to the fact that during the day the brethren had laid to rest an esteemed brother, whose sudden decease cast a gloom over the proceedings. The S. W's lecture was well given, and the I. G., although a very young member, performed his duties faultlessly. The Auditors' report, read during the evening, showed a balance on hand of $242, and no outstanding dues. The Lodge-room is a beautiful one and is splendidly lighted. The prospects are good, and under the able mastership of W. Bro. Walbridge the work done in this Lodge should be second to none in the District.

Northern Light, No. 266, Stayner: This was one of the Lodges reported not visited by my predecessor. Early in the year I visited the town to ascertain the cause of the unfortunate state of affairs known to exist. I greatly deplored the unhappy condition to which this once prosperous Lodge was subjected. I found a lack of that unanimity and harmony which at all times should exist among the brethren. The officers for the year had not been installed; Grand Lodge reports had been neglected; the financial condition could not be arrived at; no meetings had been held, and the outlook was most discouraging. Shortly after my return I wrote the W. M., giving such advice and instruction as I thought proper under the circumstances. I believe my suggestions were followed, for the election and installation took place at the proper time and notices of meetings have been regularly received since. I made my official visit on April 30th. Some weeding out had been done and the prospects looked brighter. The attendance was small. The second degree was exemplified, but the work was poorly done. W. M. Bro. McLeod and his officers are enthusiastic and capable, and with united practice and effort should be able to do the work well. Much credit is due the Secretary, W. Bro. Bethune, P. M., for putting the books into a presentable condition,

and for his neatly and accurately kept minutes. The detailed statement only covers the period between December 27th, 1900, and June 24th, 1901, as no meetings were held last year.

Seven Star, No. 285, Alliston: On January 2nd, in company with W. Bro. Boddy, P. M., and other members of Simcoe Lodge, drove to Alliston, a distance of 22 miles. The evening was cold and blustery, nevertheless there was a good turnout of the members. The first degree was conferred on a bright young candidate by W. Bro. Harper, W. M., to my complete satisfaction, proving him to be an accurate and impressive worker. As the J. W. was indisposed, the lecture and charge were rendered by the S. W. in splendid style. The opening and closing in the three degrees required no unfavorable comment. The dues were well paid up, only two or three being slightly in arrears. V. W. Bro. Wright keeps his books in excellent shape. Friendship and good-will prevail, as were evidenced at the splendid spread that followed the close of the Lodge. Seven Star is in a prosperous condition.

Minerva, No. 304, Stroud: Accompanied by W. Bro. Oldham, W. M. of Simcoe, No. 79, I visited the Stroud brethren on the 28th of May. This Lodge was not visited by my predecessor, who several times tried to arrange a meeting. There seems to be a revival of interest, and some excellent material is being received. The membership is small, but it is composed of the very best men in the community, and the greatest harmony seems to exist. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, and the third degree was conferred on two splendid candidates. The W. M., W. Bro. Adams, had not been able, through illness, to perfect himself in the work, but was assisted by W. Bros. Cowan and Willis, two expert Craftsmen from Corinthian Lodge, Barrie. I endeavored to impress upon the mind of the W. M. that frequent rehearsals are necessary to secure that accuracy, precision and attention to detail, that characterize all good Lodge work. I was much pleased with the work of the S. W., who gives promise of being an expert ruler of the Lodge when his time comes. I found the books kept in a neat, orderly manner by Bro. J. Black. On the whole I found this Lodge in a better condition than I expected. A nice lunch was served at the close of the Lodge and a short time was pleasantly spent.

Prince Arthur, No. 333, Flesherton: Made my official visit to this Lodge on November 30th. It was in this Lodge twenty years ago that I first saw Masonic light, so that this visit was of special interest to myself and of equally engaging interest to the brethren of Prince Arthur. The seating capacity of the Lodge-room was taxed to accommodate the brethren and visitors. The work for the evening was the raising of a candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I was most favorably impressed with the very accurate and intelligent manner in which W. Bro. Boyd, W. M., and his officers acquitted themselves. There were no weak points in the performance of the ceremony, the work throughout being highly satisfactory. This Lodge has for some time been enjoying marked prosperity and growth, and the material accepted seems to be the stuff of which good Masons are made. The room is a comfortable one and nicely furnished. I found the books in splendid condition and the financial standing excellent. W. Bro. Bellamy is one of the best Secretaries in the District. When the Lodge closed all repaired to the dining hall of the Lodge, where the wives of the Masons had prepared a very invitingly spread banquet. After an enjoyable season at the festive board this happy meeting was brought to a close.

Georgian, No. 348, Penetanguishene: By request I visited this Lodge on December 6th, and as the old officers then ocupied the chairs I cannot speak of the work of the new staff. There was a good attendance both of members and visitors. This was the night of the election of officers, and I was particularly pleased to see the perfect unanimity and good feeling with which the election passed off. I feel sure that under the guidance of W. Bro. Martin, who is an excellent worker, the Lodge has a bright future before it. A candidate was raised to the degree of M. M. in a masterly manner, the reputation which this Lodge had gained for doing superior work being fully maintained. The dues were nearly all paid up. The books were nicely kept, and portrayed the efficiency of the Secretary. Everything indicated prosperity. A splendid banquet at the Canada House ended another of my pleasant visits.

Lorne, No. 377, Shelburne: On the 7th of June I paid my official visit to this Lodge and was welcomed in a very cordial manner by W. M. W. Bro. Palmer and his

officers. There was a good attendance. The work for the evening was the raising of a rev. brother, who passed a splendid examination on the work of the previous degrees, reflecting the greatest credit on himself and his instructors. The degree work was exemplified in a very accurate and impressive manner by W. Bros. Palmer, Marshall and McKitrick. The opening and closing in the three degrees were faultless. I was pleased to see that this Lodge requires the candidate to pass a searching examination in the work of the third degree. In some Lodges this is neglected. As soon as the candidate is raised his instruction ceases. Bro. Dr. Campbell was congratulated on his evident knowledge of the third degree. Great care is exercised in selecting material. The books are in charge of W. Bro. Mason, a most efficient Secretary, and the dues are about paid up, only $5 of arrears. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The usual banquet followed, and a short time was most pleasantly spent.

Spry, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this Lodge on May 8th. There was a splendid attendance of members and a number of visitors from Cookstown and Bradford. A candidate was initiated in a faultless manner, every officer acquitting himself most creditably. The charge was given by R. W. Bro. Rev. G. Chrystal in a most impressive manner. The second degree was conferred on a most carefully prepared candidate, the set questions, obligation, working tools, and the chief points in the J. W's lecture being readily and accurately answered. The ceremony of the degree was well rendered, leaving no room for criticism. There were five applications presented on the night of my visit. I had the honor of presenting V. W. Bro. Croft with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his valuable services to Freemasonry in general and to Spry Lodge in particular. The dues were fully paid up, and the books of the Treasurer showed that the Lodge is financially sound. Bro. Sissons is an excellent Secretary and keeps his books in a neat and orderly manner. Much praise is due W. Bro. Goldsmith and his excellent staff of officers for the present flourishing condition of Spry Lodge. A splendid spread in the dining hall, followed with speech and song, closed a most enjoyable evening.

Nitetis, No. 444, Creemore: I visited this Lodge on February 5th in company with R. W. Bro. Saunders, P.

D. D. G. M., and Bro. Earle, both of Northern Light Lodge. The evening was one of the coldest and stormiest of the season, and as a consequence the attendance was small. The Lodge was opened and closed in good style in the three degrees, and the third degree was conferred on a well-prepared candidate in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Hood, P. M. W. Bro. Watson, W. M., was present, but through illness had not been able to qualify himself for the work. The books were neatly kept. The dues were fully paid up. The detailed statement will show a slight increase in membership for the year. I was much pleased with this visit, and everything showed that the Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Dundalk Lodge (U. D.): I received an application from certain brethren in Dundalk requesting a dispensation to establish a Lodge there. I examined the locality and the proposed Lodge-room and I felt satisfied that it would be in the interests of the Craft if the prayer of the petitioners were granted. On my recommendation the required dispensation was issued and I received instructions to organize the Lodge. Assisted by W. Bro. Boyd, W. M. of Prince Arthur, No. 333, and others, I started the brethren to work on May 24th. I found a nicely furnished room, new regalia, and all the requisites for successfully carrying on the work. I was more than pleased with the excellent beginning made.

In conclusion, I desire to express to the delegates of this District my sincere thanks for electing me to the honorable and responsible office of D. D. G. M. last year, in London, and to the officers and members of the different Lodges for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been received. I did not expect to be able to fill, with equal distinction, a position occupied by able and talented predecessors to whom the prosperity existing in this District is largely due, and I have ventured to approach within measurable distance their fitness for the position I shall have good reason to congratulate myself.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. ORTON, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No 9, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'rd. E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd. F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd. M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
79	Simcoe	Brantford	56	10	12	9	8	7	...	1	...	1	...	...	13	1	14	28				Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	$ 250 00	
88	St. George's	Owen Sound..	103	13	...	11	10	5	2	...	...	...	...	1	13	9	22	20	$80 00	50	$ 450 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good		Yes	
90	Manito	Collingwood ..	139	8	4	8	7	5	...	1	2	2	...	1	14	5	19	26	50 00	30	130 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	$ 800 00	
96	Corinthian	Barrie	160	11	...	14	11	9	2	1	1	3	...	1	11	2	13	26	20 00	18	108 00	Mar., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	63	6	..	6	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	15	50 00	7	30 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
192	Orillia	Orillia	94	1	...	3	2	4	4	1	2	5	...	...	11	1	12	19		25	111 00	June, 1900..	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00	
230	Kerr	Barrie	98	...	6	4	3	3	1	5	...	4	...	1	12	1	13	25	5 00	29	120 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00	
236	Manitoba..	Cookstown	34	1	1	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	2	10	12		6	27 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Fairly	Yes	150 00	
249	Caledonian	Midland	79	19	..	16	11	10	4	..	1	..	..	2	11	9	20	45				Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	Fully.	
266	Nor. Light.	Stayner	21	2	5	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	7	1	8	9	5 00	5		Mar., 1901..	Fair	Good	Yes	
285	Seven Stars	Alliston	38	9	2	6	3	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	13	..	13	14		2		June, 1900..	Good	Good	1&2	Fully.
304	Minerva ...	Stroud	23	3	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	10	25 00				Good	Good	Yes	$ 200 00
322	North Star.	Owen Sound..	83	5	..	7	7	4	1	1	..	3	..	..	15	1	16	22	25 00	40	140 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	250 00	
333	Pr. Arthur.	Flesherton	50	10	..	7	10	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	4	13	12	85 00	20	86 00	June, 1900..	1st class	Good	Yes	250 00	
348	Georgiana..	Penetang.....	33	5	2	3	3	4	2	..	1	...		1	10	6	16	12	35 00	10	64 00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	62	9	12	8	7	7	1	..	9	3	..	..	13	1	14	19		2	5 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
385	Spry.....	Beeton	43	10	2	10	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	15	17	10 00			June, 1900..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	400 00	
444	Nitetis.....	Cremore	31	4	..	4	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	11	5 00			June, 1900...	Good	Good	No	200 00	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting for your consideration my report of the condition of Masonry in Niagara District, No. 10, I will take advantage of this opportunity of thanking the representatives of the District for the honor bestowed upon me by electing me to the honorable position as a representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District, and I trust I have discharged the duties of the office in a manner that they have no cause for regret, but in a measure to warrant their approval.

During my term of office I have visited all the Lodges in the District except one.

In general the work has been done in a very creditable manner, considering the number of new officers who are working together for the first time.

The Lodge-rooms in the District are all in a very comfortable condition, some having been fully renovated at a great cost.

During the year I have issued the following dispensations: The Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, for June 23rd, to attend Divine service; St. George Lodge, No. 15, for June 23rd. 1901, to attend Divine service; Copestone Lodge, No. 373, for June 23rd, to attend Divine service.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year, although I presume there have been more in the District: Bro. Edgar McRae, McNab Lodge, No. 169, 29th Sept., 1900; Bro. James Miller, Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, 1st Feb., 1901; W. Bro. Carruthers, St. John's, Lodge, No. 35, 3rd Feb., 1901; Bro. W. H. Alford, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, 9th Feb., 1901; Bro. Cecil Jarvis. St. John's Lodge, No. 35, 3rd Feb., 1901; Bro. A. C. Cole, Union Lodge, No. 7, 3rd April, 1901; Bro. D. B. Poole, Merritt Lodge, No. 168, 4th May, 1901; W. Bro. C. B. Brine, Ivy Lodge, No. 115, 6th May, 1901.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake: Visited this Lodge on February 27th, 1901, and witnessed an

exemplification of the F. C. The work was exceedingly well performed by the W .M. and his officers in a very impressive manner. The lecture on the tracing board was very nicely given by Bro. C. Campbell. There was a good attendance (although a very stormy evening), among them some very enthusiastic Masons, viz.: W. Bros. Rousseau, Lyall, Knox, Anderson, and Bros. Best, and McLellan. W. Bro. J. G. Bottomly, P.M. of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, was present at this meeting and took a great interest in the work. Their Lodge-room presents a neat and clean appearance, having recently been painted and papered throughout. After Lodge we were invited to the dining hall in connection with the Lodge-room, where ample refreshments were provided and a pleasant hour was spent.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: Visited this Lodge on December 6th, 1900, at their regular meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present. I was accompanied by several brethren from Ivy Lodge, No. 115, on this my first official visit in the District. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Drope, assisted by W. Bro. A. Cole, in a most satisfactory manner. The opening and closing was not as perfect as it might have been, on the part of the W. M's support, but I feel satisfied it will be done better in the future, as the officers are capable of doing the work and doing it well. I was introduced to the Lodge by R. W. Bro. Forbes and W. Bro. Clarke, both of them being very enthusiastic Masons, who take a great interest in the welfare of their Lodge. After the work was done we were entertained by the brethren of Union Lodge in a most loyal manner, for which they have long been noted.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: Visited this Lodge on April 2nd, 1901. The work was conferring the F. C. degree, which was very creditably performed by the W. M., W. Bro. Wilson, and his officers. The candidate was a son of W. Bro. C. Burtch, who occupied a seat in the West, and who is a very enthusiasitc worker in St. George's Lodge. There was a large number of members and visitors present at this meeting. Among them were R. W. Bro. Connors, R. W. Bro. D. Robertson, W. Bros. Yale, Merritt, Stevenson, and several other P. M's, who take a live interest in Masonry in the Garden City. The future of this Lodge is

very bright, as at this meeting there were seven applications (and all well recommended) presented to the Lodge. After Lodge the brethren were very handsomely entertained in an adjoining room, where a very neat spread was in waiting, having been prepared by R. W. Bro. Hetherington, when a very pleasant hour was spent.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: Visited this Lodge on January 9th, 1901. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Marshall, assisted by R. W. Bro. Amsden and W. Bro. Robinson and the assistant officers in almost a faultless manner, for which Amity has long been noted. Under the guidance of the present staff of officers this Lodge should give a good account of itself, which I have no doubt it will. I was very much pleased to meet one of my predecessors here in the person of R. W. Bro. Hoshal, St. John's, No. 35, Cayuga; also R. W. Bro. Tipton and Bro. Judge Parry. The Lodge was called from labor for a space of time and repaired to the banquet hall, where some refreshments were in waiting, which after doing full justice to some very interesting speeches were delivered by the following brethren: W. Bro. Hoshal, W. Bros. Conolly, Eccles, Robinson, Brown, Judge Parry, and others. My visit to Amity Lodge was one of profit as well as pleasure to myself.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: My visit to this Lodge was on January 10th, 1901. The W. M. being indisposed, V. W. Bro. Carruthers assumed the gavel and conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner indeed, being well supported by the other officers. The work in the Lodge is well done, and a very great deal of credit is due to R. W. Bro. Hoshal for his services for a number of years, as he is a persistent worker. St. John's Lodge is very fortunate in having a careful Secretary, who looks well after the work of the Lodge. After Lodge the brethren were very handsomely entertained at mine host R. W. Bro. Hoshal's homelike hotel, where a very pleasant hour was spent by the brethren, V. W. Bro. Carruthers presiding.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 24th of January, 1901, an emergent meeting, called for the purpose of entertaining the M. W. the Grand Master. There were a number of visitors present from St. George, No. 15, Temple, No. 296, Mountain, No. 221, and Clifton, No. 254. The

first degree was worked by the W. M., W. Bro. Gilmore, and his officers in a commendable manner, assisted by W. Bro. Luebsdorf, who is a very enthusiastic Mason. The Secretary's books are well kept by R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston. Ths visiting brethren afterward enjoyed a beautiful banquet, which was spread in the large dining-room at the Grand Central Hotel, and after doing full justice to good things there presented, and listening to many a good speech and song, the J. W's toast was given, bringing to a close a very pleasant evening.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South: I visited this Lodge January 29th, 1901. There being no work the W. M., at my request, opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done fairly well; it being the first time the newly-elected officers had worked together. I am pleased to see that the prospects of this Lodge are looking brighter. This Lodge has a very painstaking Secretary, in the person of Bro. Hull. W. Bro. Gribble, of Clifton Lodge, was present at this meeting, also Bro. Griffin, of Clifton Lodge. After Lodge a pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this Lodge on December 27th, 1900. By request of the W. M. I installed the officers of the Lodge for the ensuing term. There was a good number of visitors from Union, No. 7, Grimsby, present at this meeting. There was no degree work for this meeting, so I was unable to see the new officers work; but have seen them do some work since, which was very good. After Lodge a very pleasant hour was spent at the festive board by the visitors and members, the W. M. presiding.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited this Lodge on March 4th, 1901. I was greeted with a very large number of members and visitors, there being a great many from Copestone Lodge, No. 373, present, which is an evidence of the very friendly and brotherly feeling existing between the two Lodges. The E. A. degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Ross, and his officers in a faultless manner, assisted by V. W. Bro. Geo. Sutherland, who is a very enthusiastic worker, and takes a great interest in the welfare of the Craft; this being the mother lodge of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. Crow, to whom I think a great deal of credit is due for the harmony which is now existing between the two Lodges. V. W. Bro. Shafley, of Dufferin Lodge, No.

338, was present at this meeting. This being my second visit to Welland I cannot close without expressing my thanks to the brethren of this town for their kindness, and hospitality bestowed upon me while with them, as I was well looked after by the following brethren, R. W. Bro. Crow, V. W. Bro. Sutherland, W. Bro. Ross, W. Bro. Hill, W. Bro. Somerville, and to whom I owe my sincere thanks. The brethren of Welland are right royal entertainers. This Lodge is in first-class condition, with prospects of a very succesful year.

MacNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this Lodge on March 5th, 1901, at their regular meeting. I was accompanied by several brethren from Welland. We drove up the Welland Canal on a very cold night (temperature 10 degrees below zero), two sleigh loads, W. Bros. Somerville, Sutherland and Ross being in the party. After getting thawed out on our arrival we were escorted to the Lodge-room by W. Bro. Matthews and Jordan, the work being in the E. A. degree. The candidate was introduced and initiated. The work was done in a very creditable manner by the W .M. and his officers, who were all newly elected, and this being their first work they deserve much credit. The books are looked after by Bro. John Cook, who is very careful and painstaking in all of his work. After closing Lodge the brethren were entertained in the Lodge-room in a very pleasant manner. Prospects of MacNab are good.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: I made my visit to this Lodge on January 2nd, 1901, at their regular meeting. There was a good attendance of members present, also several visitors from St. Catharines. The work of the evening was in the F. C. degree, there being two candidates. The W. M., Bro. Monro, and his officers conferred this degree in a very creditable manner. The books of this Lodge are clean, neat, and well kept by the veteran Secretary, Bro. W. T. Fish. The interests of the Lodge are well looked after by the following P. M's, Hoover, McGill, and Monro, who are enthusiastic Masons. After closing, the brethren were very highly entertained by the Lodge. Prospects of Mountain Lodge good.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, Ont.: I visited Clifton at their regular meeting on January 3rd, 1901. The attendance was good, there being several visitors from the St. Catharines Lodges present. The work for the evening was a passing and raising. The

exemplification of the degrees was good, the W. M., Bro. Gribble, doing his work very nicely, and was well supported by his officers. The books of the Lodge are well looked after by the very obliging Secretary, Bro. Alex. Gray. M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M., very kindly accompanied me on the visit, and whose assistance was very valuable to me. Clifton Lodge has some very enthusiastic members on its roll; among them are R. W. Bro. Battle, W. Bros. Flaherty, Walker, and others. Clifton is certainly one of the best Lodges in this District. The visiting brethren were very handsomely entertained at the Savoy Hotel, where a very elaborate spread was in waiting, having been prepared by Bro. Dickinson, the genial proprietor. After the usual toasts, the brethren took their departure, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: I made my visit to this Lodge at their regular meeting on May 1st, 1901. The attendance was not as large as at some of the former meetings during the winter, as a great number of their members are sailors, and navigation being opened a great many were away from home. There being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. Green, very kindly opened and closed in the several degrees in a very creditable manner. There are several P. M's who take a great interest in Seymour Lodge, and in whose hands I feel the Lodge is perfectly safe.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I visited this Lodge on March 27th, 1901. For some unaccountable reason the attendance was not up to the average. The work of the evening being in the F. C. degree, was very well executed by the new officers. The W. M. is (although a young man) a very enthusiastic Mason, and should strengthen this Lodge very much. After closing, the brethren spent a very social hour in the banquet room adjoining the Lodge-room.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: Visited this Lodge on February 28th, 1901, it being the regular meeting. The work was in the E. A. degree. The work being very well exemplified by the W. M. and the officers, who are newly elected, and having very little work in the Lodge deserve great credit for the interest they take in the work. A very pleasant event took place in the Lodge-room in the presentation to the S. W., Bro. Almas, of a beautiful upholstered chair, he having just returned from his wedding tour, the W. M. making

the presentation on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Almas made a neat reply, after which the brethren were called from labor to refreshment and spent an hour very pleasantly in speeches and song.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this Lodge on March 1st, 1901, at their regular meeting. There being no work, the W. M. opened and closed in the several degrees in a faultless manner. I had the pleasure of meeting two of my predecessors here, R. W. Bros. Jaques and Noble, who are very able and enthusiastic in the work of the Lodge. King Solomon's Lodge is very fortunate in having a model Secretary, Bro. D. Hill, who has held the office for the last 20 years and seems good for 20 more. After closing, the brethern were entertained at Bro. Hill's hotel in a very pleasant manner. My visit to King Solomon was one of the many pleasant evenings spent in the District.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: I visited this Lodge on March 12th, 1901, at an emergent meeting called for the purpose of conferring degrees. The work was in the second and third degrees, two candidates for each degree. The W. M. opened in the several degrees in a very creditable manner, after which he asked the brethren from Welland Lodge to take charge and confer the several degrees, for which purpose they were present, R. W. Bro. J. H. Crow taking the East, and after filling the other chairs with officers from Merritt and Copestone Lodges, proceeded with the work, which was done in a masterly manner. Myrtle Lodge has been taking in some new and young blood into the Lodge, who seem to take quite an interest in the work. I am certain they will bring the Lodge to the front. I look for a big improvement in Myrtle in regard to membership in the near future. The brethren were handsomely entertained by the ladies with a neat little spread in a room adjoining the Lodge, where a very social hour was spent.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: I visited this Lodge on February 19th, 1901, at an emergent meeting. The weather was very stormy and roads heavy, the attendance was not as large as I would like to have seen; but taking everything into consideration it was not so bad. Of the 14 members present 7 of them were P. M's. There being no work, the W. M., at my request, opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done in a fair manner. I was pleased to meet V. W. Bro. N.

Shafley, W. Bros. Goring, Gracey, and Rev. Bro. Cruickshank, at this meeting, all of whom take a lively interest in the welfare of Dufferin Lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. D. C. Holmes, looks well after the prosperity of the Lodge. The brethren were very nicely entertained at Mrs. Miller's Hotel, where a very social hour was spent.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: Visited this Lodge on January 8th, 1901, on their regular meeting night. The weather was very disagreeable and rainy, and the attendance was not so large as was expected. The work was to be in the F. C. degree, but the candidate failing to put in an appearance, the W. M. very kindly opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done remarkably well, it being the officers' first night to work together. This Lodge is well looked after by R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, who takes a live interest in the prosperity of Palmer Lodge, and is never absent from a meeting. I was accompanied on this visit by V. W. Bro. J. Ritchie, of Ivy, 115, and Bro. D. Poole, of Merritt. This Lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. J. G. Watts, who is very painstaking in all of his work. The brethren were looked after by the members of Palmer in a room adjoining the Lodge-room and very handsomely entertained.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: I visited this Lodge on February 7th, 1901, at their regular meeting. The work was in the E. A. degree, but the candidates failing to put in an appearance, the W. M., V. W. Bro. Sutherland, took a volunteer and exemplified the work in the E. A. degree in almost faultless style, and in an impressive manner, being very ably assisted by his officers, the J. W. giving the lecture on the tracing board in a masterly way. After the Lodge the brethren were very highly entertained at the festive board by the following, R. W. Bro. Crow, W. Bros. Ross, Somerville, Jones, and Rev. Bro. Johnson. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

In conclusion I must thank the brethren in the District for the kind assistance they have voluntarily given to me in the performance of my duties as D. D. G. M. of the Niagara District, No. 10.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. A. SIMPSON, D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District, No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No 10, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degre's conf rd. E. A.	Degre's conf rd. F. C.	Degre's conf rd. M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
2	Niagara	Niag. on Lake.	48	2	..	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	2	9	3	13	13	$10 00	4	$ 50 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	$1000 00
7	Union	Grimsby	65	5	4	5	4	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	13	1	14	21				June, 1900..	Good	Bright	Yes	
15	St. George.	St. Catharines	83	2	..	5	4	1	1	...	...	1	...	3	12	4	66	16		25	190 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	77	8	...	7	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	16	23 00	25		June, 1901..	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00
35	St. John's ..	Cayuga.....	76	5	8	5	3	3	...	...	5	...	...	3	13	2	15	18	10 00	25	148 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.	107	3	..	5	7	6	1	1	2	2	...	...	13	5	18	17	58 00	30	185 75	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
105	St. Mara's..	Niag. Falls S...	66	3	8	3	4	4	...	...	...	7	...	1	13	1	14	22	45 00	19	222 25	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville.....	75	3	1	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	12	4	16	20	55 00	11	69 75	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Fair	Yes	1500 00
168	Merritt.....	Welland	70	7	2	9	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	3	13	21		24	164 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne.	55	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	3	15	9		3	40 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Fa'lygo'd	Yes	400 00
185	Enniskill'n	York	31	...	7	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	1	10	1	11	10		5	25 50	Dec., 1900...	Good	Fair	No	500 00
221	Mountain ..	Thorold	69	8	7	4	5	5	1	3	2	5	...	...	14	1	15	21		20	129 00	June, 1901...	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Fal s..	90	...	...	4	4	4	...	1	1	2	...	2	14	3	17	25	87 00	12	75 00	June, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
277	Seymour ...	Port Dalhousie	28	...	...	2	2	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	7	...	7	10		11	56 00				Yes	400 00
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines.	64	5	...	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	15	5 00	34	246 34	June, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville.....	36	3	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	9		16	110 12	June, 1901...	Fair	Fair	Yes	None.
329	King Solo'n	Jarvis	40	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	...	...	11	...	11	14	5 00	13	61 50	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	Yes	320 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	21	2	2	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7	10		9	37 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	No	None.
338	Dufferin	Wellandport ...	23	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	3	9	12		14	58 00	June, 1901...	Fair	Fair	No	300 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg.....	61	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	13	30 00	1		Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
375	Copestone..	Welland	38	8	...	8	7	4	1	...	1	3	...	...	13	5	18	11	149 50	10	34 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	V'ry good	Yes	100 00

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto West District, No. 11, for the past year, and at the same time I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of the District for electing me to the high position of D. D. G. M., an honor personally undeserved, but which was a tribute to Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton, of which I am proud to be a member and to hail as my mother Lodge.

My first official act was the appointment of V. W .Bro. Adam Morton, one of the most enthusiastic Masons in the District, as District Secretary, and he has cheerfully performed every duty for which I have called upon him, and has accompanied me upon as many of my official visits as his age and other engagements would permit.

Early in the year I caused a circular to be issued to each Lodge notifying them of my election, and I sent due notice in ample time of my official visits, which I was enabled to arrange so as to visit every Lodge on the regular night of meeting.

In common with many of my predecessors in office, I have called the attention of the Lodges to the desirability of changing the time for the election of officers, thereby making the work of the D. D. G. M. lighter and enabling him to arrange his visits more easily, and I believe it would be to the advantage of the Lodges to have their year correspond with that of the Grand Lodge. I am pleased to know that several of the Lodges in the District are already moving in this direction.

I am very glad to be able to report that Masonry is flourishing throughout the District. There appears to be a constant increase in membership with most of the Lodges, especially in the city, and I believe that the character and standing of those who are being added to our numbers are such as to be a great benefit to the Order.

On the 26th of October, 1900, I had the pleasure, on behalf of the District, of presenting to R. W. Bro. William David McPherson, my predecessor in office, a very handsome set of regalia suitable to the office of P. D. D. G. M. The presentation took place in Zetland Lodge, of which the R. W. Bro. is a member, in the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, who had assembled to do honor to Bro. McPherson and express their appreciation of him and the good work which he did in the District during his year of office.

On the 22nd February, 1901, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the Temple Building, Toronto, when the three degrees were most beautifully exemplified—the first degree by Zetland Lodge, No. 326; the second by Rehoboam, No. 65, and the third by Ionic, No. 229, Brampton. There was a very large attendance of brethren, in fact, many were unable to get into the Lodge-room, and I am sure that the occasion was one of much pleasure and profit. There is no doubt that for many reasons it would be better to hold more than one Lodge of Instruction and not attempt the whole three degrees on the same night, as more time could be given to the working of each degree and to discussion on the work, but my desire was particularly to interest the brethren in the country Lodges, and to secure the attendance of as many of the officers as possible, and I knew that I could not expect them to make more than one trip to the city for that purpose. The night was that of the regular meeting of Zetland Lodge, the W. M. and officers having most kindly placed that evening at my service, and I desire to express to them at this time my sincere thanks for so doing, and for their magnificent hospitality in entertaining the large number of visitors in the refreshment room at the conclusion of the work of the Lodge. I also desire to thank the W. M. and officers of Zetland Lodge, Rehoboam Lodge, and Ionic Lodge, for their cheerful compliance with my request to exemplify the degrees, and for the very excellent manner in which every officer performed his duty.

During the year there has been a great deal of fraternal visiting among the Lodges in the District, and this is of the greatest benefit, not only in promoting the social side of Masonry, but in obtaining uniformity in the work. On the 16th of February I had the pleasure

of accompanying Zetland Lodge on a fraternal visit to Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, where the second degree was worked by the P. M's and officers of Zetland Lodge at a very largely attended meeting, and where a most enjoyable evening was spent. On the 8th of April I accompanied Ashlar Lodge on a fraternal visit to the Stratford Lodges. The first degree was worked by Ashlar Lodge, and it was a delightful excursion in every respect. The work was well done and the speeches and songs at the banquet afterwards were of the best quality. A number of brethren from other city Lodges and from Ionic Lodge, Brampton, also took part in the visit.

In addition to my official visits I have had the pleasure of being present at several of the Lodges on occasions of their Past Masters' nights. This is becoming a yearly observance with nearly all the Lodges, one night of the year being set apart, when the Past Masters of the Lodge fill all the different offices, and from the manner in which the work has been performed on all these occasions, I am convinced that the Past Masters are continuing to take an active interest in the affairs of their several Lodges. On every occasion of visiting Lodges I found the Past Masters to be present in large numbers and sources of strength to their Lodge, which is a most satisfactory and gratifying state of affairs.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability to promote accuracy and uniformity in the work, and I am pleased to say that on nearly all occasions I have found the work to be well done and that I had the pleasure in most instances of being able to congratulate the officers on their work rather than the contrary. It is not an agreeable duty to have to criticize and find fault, and I had little of this to do, but I trust that whenever the circumstances required it I did my duty in as kindly and helpful a manner as possible. I have urged the officers to rehearse their work as often as possible so as to become accurate and easy in all the floor work as well as perfect in the ritual.

I am rejoiced to find that there is great harmony prevailing throughout the District. There have been one or two trifling applications made to me in reference to slight misunderstandings, but these, so far as I know, have gone no further. I have endeavored in these cases to pour oil on the troubled waters, and as I have heard no more of the cases, I believe my recommendations

have been received and acted upon. There has been nothing reported to me of any serious matter, no unmasonic conduct, and nothing that would show that all the Lodges are not working harmoniously and for the best interests of Masonry.

On the 18th of December, under dispensation from the G. M., I duly healed Bro. J. A. Acheson, of Toronto, in Ionic Lodge, Brampton, where the brother had come for the purpose.

In nearly all cases the expenses incurred on my official visits have been promptly paid.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: I visited this Lodge on the 14th of February and found a good attendance of the brethren. Among others present were R. W. Bro. Aubrey White and R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan. The W. M. conferred the first degree, and the work was well done by himself and his officers. I was pleased to find that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition and that there are bright hopes for the future.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: I visited this Lodge on the 29th of January and found a very comfortable and well furnished Lodge-room and hall, the property of the Lodge, free from debt and well insured. There were visitors present from Richmond lodge, Richmond Hill; Robertson Lodge, King, and Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, but owing to the prevailing influenza a number of the officers and members were absent. The W. M., W. Bro. McDonald, exemplified the third degree and did his work well, and the chairs of the absent officers were filled at the last moment by members, who did the work as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The Lodge is prosperous and is not going behind any, but is adding new members occasionally. Owing to the fact that the members are considerably scattered, the brethren complain that it is difficult to secure a large attendance at the meetings. After the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent in the refreshment room.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65 ,Toronto: I visited this Lodge on the 7th February, accompanied by the District Secretary, V. W. Bro. Morton. The first degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers in an exceedingly clever manner. I was particularly struck with the lecture of the Junior Warden, which was given in a most impressive manner and fully illustrated by a tracing

board and the different jewels of the Lodge, to my mind a great improvement, and calculated to be of much greater value to the candidate than the usual manner of confining his attention solely to the chart. There were a number of visitors present and a very enjoyable evening was spent both in the Lodge-room and in the refreshment room.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: I visited Wilson Lodge on the 19th of February and had the pleasure of meeting the W. M., officers and members of Ashlar Lodge, who were paying a fraternal visit. The first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. McLeish, and his officers. The affairs of the Lodge, as of all the city Lodges, are flourishing.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: I visited this Lodge on the 29th of March and found only a small atetndance, owing, as I was informed, largely to the condition of the roads, which prevented the members living at a distance from being present. I found the Lodge-room exceedingly comfortable and well furnished, and it is the property of the Lodge and free from debt. On the evening of my visit a beautiful chair was presented to W. Bro. Roberts, who has been for long one of the mainstays of the Lodge, and he was also made a life member. There being no candidate for any of the degrees, the W. M. and his officers exemplified the work of the first degree. I regret to say that the work was not as well done as it should have been, and I took occasion to counsel the brethren in reference to it, advising frequent rehearsals, and pointing out to them where the defects were. They received what I had to say in the best spirit and promised amendment, and I have no doubt, with the material they have, that the officers both can and will show marked improvement in the future.

Union Lodge, No. 119, Schomberg: I visited this Lodge on the 27th May and was accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Hilary, W. M. of Aurora Lodge, and four of the brethren of that Lodge, who kindly drove with me from Aurora. The Lodge premises are well situated and furnished, and the brethren have very comfortable quarters. During the year an event took place which has done much to aid Masonry in this locality. A young man, a resident of Schomberg, who had joined the American army and had died in the Phillipine Islands, was brought to the United States and interred at

San Francisco. His family were ignorant of the fact that he was dead, or indeed that he was in the army at all, believing him to be still in New York. He had joined a Lodge in New York and his brethren there, becoming aware of his death, found out where his parents resided, and at the expense of the Lodge had his body exhumed and forwarded to Schomberg, where a Masonic funeral was held. This truly Masonic act has proved of benefit to this Lodge, and I am informed that they expect several new members shortly. The brother of the deceased was in the Lodge the night of my visit, having been initiated a short time before. The work of the first degree was exemplified very well, considering the circumstances, but I found the brethren somewhat out of touch and I had to call their attention to several deviations from the uniformity which should prevail, but I have no doubt that the attention of the W .M. and his officers, having been once called to these, there will be no trouble in the future.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington: I visited York Lodge on the 15th of March and was introduced by V. W. Bro. Norris. There was a fair attendance, considering the state of the roads, and I had the pleasure of meeting again W. Bro. McLeish and his Wardens from Wilson Lodge. The first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and his officers, and I had much pleasure in congratulating the Lodge on the way the work was performed. I, however, expressed my regret at finding so many members in arrears for dues, there being some members owing as much as $35.00, while the total amount of arrears at that time exceeded $300. I strongly remonstrated with the officers for allowing this state of things to continue. I notice that my predecessor has called attention to the same matter in his report last year and I found that the amount at the time of my visit had been reduced during the year by $120, but there is still much to be done. An application for membership was received on the night of my visit, and the prospects of the Lodge are fair.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: This being my own Lodge, was of course attended by me whenever my other engagements would permit, but I paid my official visit on the 19th March, being introduced by that well known veteran in Masonry, V. W. Bro. Morton, District Secretary, and Secretary of Ionic. V. W. Bro. Morton

has done a great deal for Masonry in Brampton, and has proved a most efficient Secretary, which office he has held for many years, and at the last meeting of the Lodge he announced that there were only two members in arrears for dues, a record which I think few Lodges can excel even if they can equal it, and this result is owing almost entirely to the indefatigable exertions of the Secretary. On the occasion of my official visit W. Bro. A. J. Hood and the officers conferred the third degree in a splendid manner, the ritual being almost letter perfect and the floor work exceedingly accurate. Ionic Lodge is holding its own, but not increasing in numbers, the membership remaining about stationary. The Past Masters are a source of great strength to the Lodge in maintaining the high standard the brethren have always aimed at.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247: I visited this Lodge on the 26th of March and found the spacious and beautiful Lodge-room well filled, there being a large attendance of members, besides visitors, from Ionic (Toronto), St. Andrew's and Wilson Lodges, including the W. M's of each of these Lodges. The work of the first degree was performed by W. Bro. Scott, the W. M., and his officers, in a faultless manner. Ashlar Lodge is progressing rapidly and justly prides itself on the work it performs, besides being in a very sound financial position. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the fourth degree is always a rare treat in this Lodge, there being a great deal of talent among the brethren, which they are always willing to use for the entertainment of their guests. If I may judge from my own experience, a visitor to Ashlar is always heartily welcomed and royally entertained.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: I visited this Lodge on the 27th December, 1900. The Lodge is convenient and well furnished, and the brethren reported it prospering. Some visiting brethren from Richmond Hill and Woodbridge were present, and a candidate was initiated by the W. M. and his officers in a very creditable manner. Had a very pleasant hour at the refreshment table after the work of the Lodge was concluded.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 4th of March, but owing to the bad roads there was not a very good turn out of members, but some visitors from Richmond Lodge,

Richmond Hill, were present. The first degree was well exemplified by the W. M. and his officers, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Lodge-room is comfortably furnished and the effects are kept insured. The prospects are good.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: I visited this Lodge on the 1st of May, and although the attendance on the night of my visit was poor I am informed that it is usually better. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, P. D. D. G. M. The Lodge-room is a very comfortable one and well furnished, but is also occupied by another society. On the occasion of my visit a brother was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W. M. and officers of the Lodge in a very creditable manner. I was particularly pleased with the way the candidate had been instructed. He not only passed a very satisfactory examination, but was able to prove to the Junior and Senior Wardens that he was in possession of the secrets of the second degree without any prompting whatever. I predict that this brother will make a good Mason and be a credit to his Lodge. I am informed that this Lodge has been getting a very desirable increase of membership of good material, and that the prospects are bright.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: On the occasion of my visit to this Lodge on the 3rd of May I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Manning, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. Morton, District Secretary; V. W. Bro. McKechnie, Bro. W. A. McCulla and Bro. H. E. Roberts, all from Ionic Lodge, Brampton. I found the brethren in their new quarters, a brick building, erected by themselves solely for a Lodge-room. It is sufficiently large and well planned, and will be a comfortable place of meeting. I was sorry that on account of severe illness in his family the W. M. was obliged to be absent, but the Lodge was ably presided over by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Norton, who with the officers of the Lodge raised a brother in excellent style, all the officers performing the work well. The Lodge was reported as fairly prosperous, and I hope that the zeal of the brethren in securing such satisfactory quarters for themselves will be well rewarded. W. Bro. Agar, an old personal friend of my own, continues to perform the duties of Secretary in a most able and conscientious manner.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: I visited Zetland

Lodge officially on the 26th of April and was gratified with a large attendance of members and a number of visitors. Had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, P. G. S. W. The W. M. and his officers initiated two candidates in an excellent manner, all the details being carefully performed. W. Bro. Blackburn, of Alpha Lodge, assisted in the second initiation, and R. W. Bro. O'Hara, the Senior P. M. of Zetland Lodge, delivered the charge to the two candidates in a very impressive manner. Zetland Lodge is flourishing in every respect.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto. I visited this Lodge on the 17th April, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Morton, District Secretary. There was a large attendance, including several visiting brethren. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Brown, W. M., and his officers in an excellent manner, and there were four other candidates in the ante-room waiting for initiation. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and meets in most excellent quarters, occupied by Occident and St. George's Lodges. On the occasion of my visit I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District, No. 11a, who united with me in expressing approval of the manner in which the work was performed.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I visited River Park Lodge on the 5th of March, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Manning, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. McKechnie and W. Bro. J. G. Roberts, of Ionic Lodge, Brampton. It was an exceedingly cold night, and there was only a small attendance of members, and there being no candidate for any of the degrees I directed the W. M. to open and close the Lodge in the three degrees. I was very much disappointed at finding all the officers, including the W. M., very deficient in the work, and spoke strongly to them about it, urging them to perfect themselves by private study and meeting together for rehearsal. The visiting brethren also spoke in the Lodge-room words of exhortation, all of which I hope will have a good effect. The Lodge has suffered lately by the removal from the neighborhood of several active members, who took a great interest in the Lodge, and a number of the present members live at some distance and it is hard to get them to the meetings. Bro. Taylor, the Secretary, is an efficient and able officer, and has

the welfare of the Lodge at heart. I hope that the visit will be of benefit to the Lodge and that a great improvement will be made. The visitors were most hospitably entertained after the Lodge, and all present spoke hopefully for the future, the W. M. and officers taking my remarks in the Lodge-room in the spirit in which they were uttered, and expressing only the kindliest feelings and their desire to show a better record when a future visit should be paid.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton: I visited Mimico Lodge on the 2nd of April, accompanied by W. Bro. John Colvin, a member of Ionic Lodge, Brampton, but at present residing at Toronto Junction. Owing to very inclement weather, the night being wet and stormy, there was a comparatively small attendance. W. Bro. Bull, the W. M., and the officers, raised a brother to the sublime degree in a very commendable manner. The Lodge has very comfortable quarters of its own, well furnished, and is prospering, but a considerable number of the members are in arrears for dues. I called the attention of the brethren to this and urged that an effort be made towards a more satisfactory state of affairs.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 4th of April, and was gratified at the large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge has most comfortable quarters, which they share with Zeta Lodge, and I understand that there has been great prosperity during the year and that the prospects are bright. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Blackburn, W. M., and his officers, perfectly, and the charge was delivered by W. Bro. St. John in a most impressive manner. I was delighted with the work performed on this occasion. In company with the other visitors I was most hospitably entertained in the commodious refreshment room of the Lodge.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: I visited this Lodge on the 7th of May, there being a good attendance, and I again had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Tait. A candidate was initiated by the W. M. and the officers in a splendid manner, and I was much pleased to learn that the Lodge was enjoying great prosperity and that a large number of candidates of excellent material were being presented at each meeting.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: I visited Harmony Lodge on the 22nd of April, and had the pleasure

of being introduced by my old friend, R. W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett. In the absence of the W. M., Bro. Davies, who was on a business trip to the Pacific coast, I was received by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Shaw, who was in the chair. The work of initiation was performed by W. Bro. Shaw and the officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, of King Solomon's; W. Bro. Wilson, of Stevenson; W. Bro. Egan, of Stevenson; W. Bro. Clewlo, of Rehoboam; W. Bro. Anderson, of Rehoboam, and W. Bro. Barber, of Harmony. It is needless to say that the work was performed in a most excellent manner, and I am sure the candidate, Bro. Boos, was greatly impressed. I was particularly struck with the work of the acting Junior Warden, Bro. A. F. Sprott. Owing to an unfortunate accident the Junior Warden, Bro. L. K. Cameron, was unable to be present, and Bro. Sprott, a young Mason of only a few months standing, performed all the duties, including the delivery of the lecture, in a faultless manner. Harmony Lodge is also like its sister Lodges in the city, making good progress.

At the time of writing I have not received reports from all the Lodges in the District, so have refrained from giving any statistics, as the result will be shown in the table of the work done to be appended hereto. I have examined the books in each of the Lodges during my visits and I find them invariably acurately and neatly kept, reflecting great credit on that most useful and hard worked officer, the Secretary of the Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to express the great pleasure I have felt in visiting the different Lodges throughout the District. I have been most loyally received and hospitably entertained, and I have met with the greatest kindness and fraternal courtesy wherever I have gone, and the memory of the pleasantest hours spent with my brethren in the different Lodges will never be forgotten. I can only hope that a small portion of the profit which I have received during my year of office has been experienced by the Lodges which did me the honor of making me the representative of the G. M. in this District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. McFADDEN, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto West District, No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year.	Membership: Decrease during year.	Degrees conf'rd: E. A.	Degrees conf'rd: F. C.	Degrees conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D	Suspensions, other cases.	Deceased.	Meetings held: Regular.	Meetings held: Emergent.	Meetings held: Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
22	King Sol'n.	Toronto	199	9	7	9	11	14	1	1	5	...	...	2	10	4	14	55	$65 00	9	$ 130 50	June, 1901...	Fair	Good	Yes	
54	Vaughan	Maple	34	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	11	5 00	12	35 00	July, 1901...	Fair	Fair	Yes	$1800 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	225	8	6	8	6	7	...	...	5	...	...	1	11	3	14	48	113 24	33	278 50	June, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
86	Wilson	Toronto	189	14	...	14	12	9	...	..	1	3	..	3	10	1	11	48	35 00	38	470 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	
98	True Blue.	Bolton	44	3	...	3	2	2	1	...	1	...	...		11	...	11	10	8 00	24	101 80		Good	Good	Yes	400 00
118	Union	Schomberg	20	2	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	10	12		3	20 00	June, 1900...	Good	Fair	1&3	800 00
156	York	Eglington	82	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	..	10	...	10	22	26 50	18	156 80		Good	Good	Yes	550 00
229	Ionic	Brampton	70	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	10	...	10	16	5 00	4	26 50	June, 1901..	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto	204	21	...	17	14	19	6	1	2	6	...	1	10	6	16	73	97 00	18	501 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	2500 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	38	5	3	4	4	3	...	1	1	...	...	2	13	1	14	12	29 00	6	49 60	Dec., 1900...	Good	Bright	Yes	200 00
292	Robertson	King	41	2	4	2	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	11	...	11	14	35 00			Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
305	Humber	Weston	46	7	...	7	4	4	1	1	1	...	...	2	11	3	14	15		2	7 75	Dec., 1900...	Good	Splendid	Yes	Nil.
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	33	...	4	1	1	1	...	1	...	5	...	1	9	1	10	12	10 00	5	36 40	June, 1900...	Fair	Good.	Yes	Insur'd
326	Zetland	Toronto	335	21	...	35	25	25	3	...	6	..	..	3	9	7	16	70	150 00		...	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good.	Yes	Cover d
346	Occident	Toronto	166	13	...	14	10	11	1	3	4	1	...	1	8	1	9	10	29 00	18	64 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Not good	No	100 00
356	River Park	Streetsville	34	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	12	2	14	20		24	158 00		Good	Good.	Yes	Insur'd
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	66	4	...	3	3	3	1	2	1	...	...	4	13	7	20	53	148 30	70	501 90	Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	$1000 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	216	6	...	17	16	16	7	1	9	6	...	4	13	7	20	53	148 30	70	501 90	Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	$1000 00
426	Stanley	Tor. Junction	166	20	1	16	13	7	4	1	1	...	...	...	12	6	18	45	107 00	6	200 00	Jan., 1901...	Good	Good.	Yes	1000 00
438	Harmony	Toronto	134	27	11	19	11	11	8	...	3	6	...	1	11	7	18	31	13 68	2		Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Fully.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

My year is now closed, and I have looked forward with pleasant anticipations to the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 11a.

In doing so, let me first express my deep gratification for the honor conferred, and for the pleasure I have enjoyed during my official term.

It was with feelings of diffidence that I accepted the charge of this District, not that I feared that I would lack sympathy and support, not that I would ask in vain, advice and encouragement, but knowing that the position has often been filled by brethren of greater intellect, the duties performed, and the secrets expounded by more expert Craftsmen than myself. I felt it required all the skill and ability of which I was possessed to give satisfaction to this important District. But I hope when the square shall have been applied to my work, if it should not be found as perfect as that of some of my predecessors, it at least will be found to contain something of value to the Craft for instruction, encouragement, or incitement to more ardent devotion to the principles we profess to admire, and a desire for a more earnest labor for its welfare.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, P. M. of Brock Lodge, No. 354; P. M. of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, as District Secretary. He being a skilled brother and a professional man, was able to give me valuable service, and I would come short of my duty did I not gratefully acknowledge the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. A more zealous and expert brother it would be hard to find. I also desire to express my thanks to W. Bro. S. B. Todd, P. M. of my own Lodge, who many years before I became a Mason was considered the Masonic authority of the Lodge. These two brethren

have been with me on nearly all of my visits, and their company and advice have greatly encouraged me.

After my installation M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray informed us of some matters that Grand Lodge would like the D. D. G. M's to rectify; and in order to bring this before the District I issued a circular to the Lodges.

I had the honor of installing the officers of several Lodges, and found the Masters of these Lodges well fitted to assume the responsibilities of their office, and since making my inspection I am able to report, with one or two exceptions, all the Masters and officers filling their positions creditably. I regret to say, however, that candidates are too frequently advanced without proper examination or preparation. In many cases they are not asked to repeat their obligation or give proof of proficiency in the former degree, but are rushed through the ceremonies so rapidly, especially in the second—frequently three or four being put through together—that they cannot receive or retain the beautiful lessons taught in the work.

This rather loose system of exemplification of our symbols is not fair to the candidate or Craft, and we cannot expect such a brother to give the same assistance in instructing his brethren as he would had he been thoroughly educated in the work of each degree.

I would also suggest that Masters pay a little more attention to Clause 184 of the Book of Constitution. Many members do not read their By-laws and ancient charges. These charges form the ground work on which our institution is founded, they are also the frame work, and when read in connection with a legal set of by-laws will lead to a proper conception of the landmarks of Masonic organization.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I regret having to report no progress in this direction. By reference to my circular it will be seen that the failure to hold an instruction meeting does not rest wholly with me. The precedent established in connection with these gatherings in the past makes it necessary to incur an expenditure, by way of entertainment, such as no rural Lodge would care to undertake; and I found the city brethren also none too ready to respond to the call. I could not blame them, however, as the matter of banquetting 300 or 400 is no light tax on the finances of

even our strongest Lodges. Now, while I do not wish the inference to be drawn that I would repudiate the banquet table, either at ordinary meetings or in cases where fraternal visits are being paid, yet at Lodges of Instruction it might well be dispensed with. The instruction given at such meeting is for the benefit of the whole District, hence it is unfair to call upon any one Lodge to bear the whole burden. I would suggest that if the banquet must be held in cases of this kind, it would be but proper to call upon each Lodge represented to bear a fair share of the expense incurred. My experience convinces me that there is ample need of a few good Lodges of Instruction, if complete harmony of the work is to be secured, and remembering that uniformity was particularly impressed upon the D. D. G. M's, I paid especial attention to that part of my duties. In no Lodge did I hesitate to point out any innovations that might occur, but did all that I could to assist the brethren in acquiring the proper rendering of the work in detail. In nearly every case I found the most willing inclination to act upon my suggestions, and an earnest desire to become proficient in the work. As it has been to me, so it should be a pleasing duty for any well-skilled staff of officers to assist their brethren of the weaker Lodges, and there is no other way that affords such a golden opportunity for rendering this much-needed assistance than by a properly constituted Lodge of Instruction. However, much good is being done throughout the District by the system of fraternal visiting practised. This has to some extent taken the place of the Lodge of Instruction, and in the absence of the latter, has been productive of much good in the matter of fortifying the official management of the weaker Lodges. It has also been instrumental in greatly promoting the social element. This is a consideration, the importance of which it would be hard to over-estimate. Lodges are thus brought together for the purpose of mutual benefit, a kindlier feeling and a system of friendly rivalry are thereby created. At meetings of this kind the gathering around the festive board is a most commendable feature. The brethren are thus enabled to get better acquainted than they otherwise would, and to indulge in a little interchange of thought on subjects often of much interest to the Craft, which certainly tends towards intellectual improvement. The absence of all

intoxicants at the banquet table was a noticeable feature in several of the Lodges. Hence I infer that the brethren of District No. 11a are determined that no weak and erring brother shall be made to stumble in consequence of influences thrown around him while in attendance at our assemblies.

PAST MASTERS' MEETINGS.

I can quite well understand why these meetings are growing in favor. To me they appear to be small Lodges of Instruction, and must be a source of great help to the younger officers. They also help to keep the Past Masters from growing indifferent, and stimulate them to vie with each other in excelling in the work.

SECRETARIES AND WARDENS.

It would indeed be ingratitude on my part did I fail to make favorable mention of the Secretaries of the District, for their kindness, promptness, and the many courtesies to me during my official term. These officers have many duties to perform, and found that they discharged them faithfully. While all keep the record of their Lodge in good condition, some excel. In penmanship and neatness W. Bro. Slater, of St. Andrew's Lodge, stands at the top. For the best system of keeping the records and accounts, I think W. Bro. F. H. Anderson, of Orient Lodge, deserves special commendation. To my mind a good Secretary is of more value to the Master than any other officer of the Lodge. The Master may be able to get a Past Master to fill any other office, but he is not supposed to know the details of the Secretary's books. Non-payment of dues seems to be the chief complaint of many of the secretaries. Ask these poorly paid officers who are the delinquents, and in most cases they will tell you, "members who are able to pay but do not," and I think this state of affairs is largely due to the Master, who will try all manner of means to screen them instead of carrying out the instructions of the constitution.

It has been very gratifying to know that nearly every Warden has been able to recite his lecture. While some give it too fast and in an unimpressive manner, many of them give it well and explain it so nicely that the candidate cannot fail to be greatly benefitted thereby.

COMPLAINTS AND RULINGS.

I have had some complaints and given a number of rulings. Those questions not quite clear I submitted to the Grand Master, whose kindness and consideration I very much appreciate. I must also add my testimnoy to that of others to the promptness of the Grand Secretary in dealing with all matters I found necessary to submit to him. As some of these complaints were about voting, and the decision of Masters in declaring certain votes, it may not be out of place for me to offer my opinion. I do not think it in the interest of the Lodge to give its Master a double vote on any question. On a question requiring a bare majority the Master should not vote except in the case of a tie. Again where a resolution requires a two-third vote of those present, the Master should not vote twice, nor should a number of brethren refrain from voting and be considered as having influenced the vote. A motion may have a two-third majority of those voting, but not of all present, and thus be defeated by the members who exhibit no interest in the prosperity of their Lodge. I think every Lodge should have a clause in its Bylaws compelling all to vote, unless they are either excused by the Master or Lodge, or retire; and if they are retired, they should not be counted as being present during the passing of the vote

I have noticed that music is being intorduced in many of our Lodges I have received so much pleasure and have heard many speak so favorably of it that I would like to see it in every Lodge in the District The members would take greater interest and spend a more pleasant time if it were done

It has been a revelation to me to see the interest taken and listen to the speeches of our brethren of the cloth. The presence of these in the Lodge, associating and conversing with their brethren, must have an influence for good.

D. D. G. M'S EXPENSES.

My predecessor, R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood made some comments upon the system of providing for the payment of the D. D. G. M's expenses, and suggested that it is incumbent upon the Grand Lodge to directly meet these liabilities. Our Constitution directs that every Lodge

shall defray the legitimate expenses of the D. D. G. M. for at least one visit. This is sometimes overlooked, perhaps through thoughtlessness, and no D. D. G. M. cares to ask for his expenses. At the last District meeting, held in London, in order to meet this trouble it was decided on motion of R. W. Bros. Brunton and Glanville, that the District Secretary notify each Lodge of the amount due the D. D. G. M. It was rather embarrassing to me to have to introduce this new way of getting expenses, and if I thought that this scheme were to end with my term, I would have hesitated before carrying out the instructions of the District. But knowing that there are many good Masons who would do honor to the position, but unfortunately are unable to spend the time and bear the expense attached to the office, I felt it my duty to bear whatever criticisms I might incur in this matter.

Although it was the decision of the District, I do not think it meets the case, as it may lead to a discussion in the Lodge over the amount asked by the District Secretary and thereby lower the dignity of the office. I am rather in sympathy with the remarks of my predecessor and would also suggest that Grand Lodge take over this item of expense, if for no other reason than encouraging Masons who are expert Craftsmen, but who are less favored financially than those who have heretofore occupied the position.

THE DEATH OF OUR QUEEN.

Some months ago a certain Masonic Journal made some unkind remarks about Toronto Districts, D. D. G. M's, and members of the Craft, in reference to their non-action in holding a service of mourning over the death of our beloved Queen.

Speaking for myself, I may say that I received no such request from any Master or member of the Order; and there is no doubt if Grand Lodge or the Grand Master thought it was desirable to make a public display of our sorrow, I would have received instructions, in which case the Masters of this District would have been promptly called upon to comply with such an order for loyalty and devotion to our Sovereign, and I am sure every Mason, whether he were her subject or not, felt the sadness of the loss, for she loved peace and goodness, and her courts reflected the moral purity and dignified

sympathy of the home that was its centre. In this age of democracy she kept alive in the breasts of all her subjects the spirit of chivalry, and by the gentle compulsion of human sympathy, she became the world's mother. And while the whole world exhibited unfeigned sorrow, and expressions came from the lips of her subjects betokening the love of a people for a Sovereign who had won their hearts through a life devoted to their welfare, still we, as Masons, had a double reason to mourn her death. Her royal ancestors have been patrons of the Fraternity. I read that 17 of the princes of blood royal of England have been Masons. She was herself the daughter of a Mason. H. R. H. the Duke of Kent was made a Grand Master in this country in the year 1792. She was also the mother of two Grand Masters, and although the world is poorer and lonelier through her death, yet the testimony and example of her life abide. In paying my official visits it has made me feel proud of my brethren to listen to the expressions of love for their departed Queen, and also the unbounded loyalty they offer to him who succeeds her. If I am not presuming too much I would suggest that Grand Lodge prepare and present to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., a suitable address, assuring him of the continued devotion and loyalty (to his throne and person) of the Freemasons of Canada, and to congratulate him on his elevation to the throne of this Great Empire.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I visited this Lodge on March 12th and was given a cordial reception from a large number of brethren. This is the first Lodge in the City of Toronto that I had the pleasure of visiting. The kindness shown me then, a stranger to the Master and brethren, made a favorable and lasting impression on my mind, and I entered their home on the occasion of this my official visit with the belief that I would receive a hearty reception, and that any efforts that I might put forth to benefit them would be fully appreciated. My faith was not misplaced, for I was not only received in the manner due to the dignity of the office I hold, but the few suggestions I made for their improvement were accepted and appreciated in a Masonic spirit. This Lodge, nearing its 80th year, is in my opinion the mother of Masonry in this District. At any rate I look upon it with a great deal of veneration, not only on account of its age, but that in it are found

so many professional brethren, men who publicly expound the principles we profess to admire; and it has been a revelation and a source of great pleasure to me in this and other Lodges to find our reverend brethren take such interest in the welfare of the Craft, and at our banquet table to listen to the excellent addresses full of good words, advice and encouragement. I also expected to find here good work, and good fellowship, and again my anticipations were realized. The opening and closing of the degrees was done in a very creditable manner. The work of the Deacons in this part of the ceremony was very satisfactory. The Lodge being closed down to the first, the Master proceeded to make another professional man a brother, who proved to be an excellent candidate. In this degree the work falls principally upon three officers, who did it with credit to themselves and the approval of those present. The W. M., W. Bro. Dane, rendered his work without a hitch and in an impressive manner. The Senior Warden, another professional brother, discharged the duties of his office with fidelity, and I expect to see him in the near future in another office of this Lodge. The work of the Junior Warden also met with approval, his lecture being well rendered. The Junior Deacon has been well trained and his work reflects credit on the Master. The Senior Deacon, Inner Guard, and Stewards, are acceptable officers. At the banquet table I again found evidence of goodfellowship and enjoyed very much the address of a R. W. brother from Western Massachusetts. W. Bro. Slater gave the charge in this degree in good form. W. Bro. Slater is also Secretary of his Lodge, and although other Secretaries may be as careful and perform their duties with as much fidelity as he, still I must give to Bro. Slater the distinction of having the neatest books in this District, and I do not think I have ever seen in college or banking house a more beautiful set. This Lodge has made substantial progress during the past year, having a net increase of ten in membership. They have also paid for relief about $125. The financial standing is good, and with a total membership of 242 they have but $185 in arrears, hence I am able to report the prospects of the Lodge bright. I had an invitation from this Lodge to attend the reception of M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, which through pressure of business I was unable to accept. It was a great disap-

pointment to me, for I felt that the Grand Master should have had the presence of his representative on the occasion of this his official visit to this District, and I hope the Grand Master as well as the brethren of St. Andrew's will consider my position and absolve me from what may seem to them my failure of duty.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this Lodge officially on March 20th. I had made arrangements for an earlier date, but by request of R. W. Bro. McFadden, my colleague in the adjoining District, my visit was postponed to allow the brethren of this Lodge to attend Robertson Lodge, where R. W. Bro. McFadden was paying his official visit. On the occasion of my visit the electric railway was blocked with snow, and I was obliged to go by the Northern Railway to a station called Maple. On my arrival at this station I found no conveyance by which to reach my destination, but finally got a farmer to drive me over the snow banks, the rain teaming down on our heads. On entering the Lodge I was not surprised to find but a few brethren present, and the usual reception ceremonies were dispensed with. The opening and closing in the three degrees was done in a creditable manner. Having no candidate, one of the brethren kindly consented to act as a substitute, when the first degree was exemplified to my satisfaction. The Master is filling his second term, and it is but natural that he would do his work well. The Junior Warden being absent, the lecture was given by the Senior Warden, which did him credit, having had no notice that he would be called upon to perform this part of the work. The floor work of the Junior Deacon was admirably done by P. M. MacMahon. P. M. W. B. Nicholls, who makes a splendid Secretary, presented the working tools of this degree very acceptably. I was particularly pleased to meet W. Bro. A. L. Skeele, Chaplain, who is 82 years of age, and has been a regular attendant of his Lodge for 46 years. He gave us an account of his initiation as well as his experience with this old Lodge, which he claims is the oldest in the District, being No. 14 on the Provincial Register. This Lodge has a beautiful set of rooms, well furnished, and owes but $400. The prospects of this Lodge are brighter, although they have a limited territory to draw from.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: I visited this Lodge

officially at their regular meeting on March 5th. There was a good turnout of the brethren and visitors. I was pleased to find in attendance W. Bro. W. R. Long, of St. Stephen's, No. 145, Edinburgh, Scot., who entertained us with speech and song; also a brother from Bloemfontein, S. A., who just affiliated with this Lodge, and who delighted us with a description of Craft Masonry as he found it in that far distant country. I was pleased to meet my old friend, R. W. Bro. Ben. Allen, and also R. W. Bros. William Roaf and F. F. Manley. There were also present W. Bro. A. Y. Scott and members of Ashlar Lodge; W. Bro. Geo. MacLeish and members of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. Fred. Dane and members of St. Andrew's Lodge, and W. Bro. E. B. Brown. The first degree was presented for my inspection ,and W. Bro. Burritt performed the ceremony with such accuracy and precision as to fully sustain the good reputation of his Lodge, and there is no doubt the present high state of efficiency is due in no small measure to the fact that it has an army of distinguished P. M's, who take an active interest in the work of the Lodge. The lecture of the Junior Warden was really well done, about letter perfect. The Junior Deacon's manner of handling a candidate was excellent, and while the principal work fell on these three, the other officers, as far as I am able to judge, did their work equally well. The Secretary and the Treasurer perform their duties in a satisfactory manner. This is among the brightest Lodges in the District; and on this occasion had about the largest number of brethren in attendance that I have had the pleasure of meeting at any of my official visits, which is strong evidence that the members take a lively interest in the prosperity of their Lodge. For the number of members enrolled on their register the arrears of this Lodge is very small, being but $71.00. For charitable purposes they have spent about $90.00. The financial standing is good, and I consider the prospects of this Lodge bright. The only weakness would be the small average attendance for so large a Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: I visited this Lodge officially on February 4th. I was accompanied by Bro. Dr. D. A. Clark, S. D. of my own Lodge, who was delighted with the reception given us. There was a good number of brethren to meet me, being estimated at about 150. Lodge was opened in the third degree,

when a reverend brother was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. The W .M., W. Bro. E .J. Cashmore, makes an admirably good presiding officer, conducting the affairs of the Lodge with energy and tact. His work in this degree was all that could be desired, and he was ably supported by his subordinate officers, all of whom are a credit to the Lodge. St. John's does not lack good material for the Master's chair, so well occupied now. There were present on this occasion R. W. Bro. Steiner, who is our Honorary Commissioner at the Pan-American, Buffalo; R. W. Bro. Simpson and V. W. Bro. Wordsley, Provincial Grand Lodge of England, who had the distinguished privilege of witnessing the ceremony of raising to the third degree King Edward VII. There was also W. Bros. Brown, Muir and Barber, of Occident Lodge; W. Bro. Fred. Dane, officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge; and a large number of Past Masters of the Lodge. This is among the strongest Lodges in the District, numerically and financially. They have also an excellent choir, and the singing rendered on this occasion was very pleasing indeed. They are comfortably situated in that famous Temple Building, where so many of our Lodges meet. While my visit was very pleasant to me, I have reason to believe that it was acceptable to the brethren. I desire to make special mention of W. Bro. Cashmore. I have not found a Master in my District who takes a greater interest or does more hard work than he. He is also a great visitor, having met him in many Lodges in the city. I was not surprised to find him at a distance in the country assisting the Master of that Lodge with his work. I am glad to notice that the brethren have placed W. Bro. King in the chair for the ensuing year, whose work will no doubt be as zealously done as that of his predecessors. I again visited this Lodge on the 6th May. W. Bro. Cashmore kindly sent an invitation to the Master and officers of Zeredatha, my own Lodge, to pay them an official visit and if possible work a degree. The invitation was gladly accepted, and a good number of our brethren journeyed to the city, where they were well received by this hospitable Lodge. By request of the W. M. the Zeredatha visiting brethren conferred the first degree in such a manner as to call forth complimentary remarks from many distinguished brethren present, and it is needless to say that we were

royally entertained in the banqueting hall. This Lodge has initiated nine candidates, but have lost that number by resignations, suspensions, and the death of two of its members, therefore the number of its membership has not increased. However, I consider the prospects of this Lodge very good.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: I visited this Lodge on January 25th. I had made arrangements with the Master for an earlier date, but the brethren were not able to receive me, as they were preparing to tender a banquet to R. W. Bro. Vanzant, who was leaving his old home to accept the position of gaoler over the Don. Bro. Vanzant has done noble work for this Lodge and has also been a regular attendant at Grand Lodge for many years. This Lodge has not made the progress this year that its members expected of it. There has been no candidate, nor as far as I am able to learn, any changes in its membership, but there are times in the history of all Lodges when the increase is very slow. The brethren are not, however, disheartened, but are patiently waiting the turn of the tide. They have excellent material for their different offices and all are working together in love and harmony. The first degree was exemplified for me and was done fairly well. It being the first time the Master undertook the working of a degree, he was naturally a little nervous and did not do himself justice. The Wardens and other officers did their parts well. The Junior Warden gave the old English lecture, which was rather lengthy, in a creditable manner. The Secretary is a zealous Mason and keeps his books well. With such a good staff of P. M's. there is no fear but that this Lodge will sustain its reputation.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Tuesday evening, January 29th. The location being entirely out of the line of railway communication, in order to reach it from Uxbridge I was obliged to drive 21 miles. The monotony of this rather tedious journey was greatly relieved by the kindness of W. Bros. Todd, Campbell and the District Secretary, who accompanied me on the occasion. The roads being in splendid condition, and the night being bright and mild, we enjoyed the drive very much. The membership of this Lodge, being scattered over a considerable area of territory, and the officers nearly all residents

of neighboring villages, it could hardly be expected that promptness in opening would be conspicuous among its virtues. In the matter of Lodge accommodation the brethren are fairly comfortably situated, though in their zeal to conform to the regulation method of locating the principal officers, they have spoiled the form of the Lodge, the length from East to West being only about half that from North to South. It would greatly improve the appearance of the Lodge, and add much to the convenience of Junior officers in doing their work if this state of affairs were reversed. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a candidate for advancement was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. The work, on the whole, was very well done, the Master seems to have his work well in hand, and is well supported by his Wardens. The work of the Inner Guard, who by the way is a zealous old P. M., was exceptionally good. The floor work was, as usual, a little defective owing to the inexperience of the Deacons. The Senior Deacon is a young brother, who gives promise of becoming a good officer as well as an enthusiastic Mason. There seems to be no discordant elements to mar the harmony of this Lodge, and though the attendance is small, I consider the outlook fairly good. They also seem to be making some improvement in their membership, having initiated and affiliated 7 members, and have lost one brother, deceased. I would suggest that a little more attention to the promotion of the social element would be a marked improvement, as anything in the way of toast, speech or song at their festive board was conspicuous by its absence. The brethren would do well to note that a little conversation with brethren of the visiting Lodges would be of much value to them.

Tuscan, No. 99, Newmarket: I visited this Lodge May 6th. I had arranged to pay my visit earlier, but on account of bad roads it was impossible. There were a number of brethren of Zeredatha Lodge; W. M. and others from Rising Sun, and a few from St. Andrew's and Georgina Lodges present on this occasion. There were not a large number of members out, but the attendance was fair. The second degree was exemplified for my inspection and was well done. I was pleased to note the interest the P. M's take in the work. R. W. Bro. Brunton and others assisted the Master in this degree. W. M., W. Bro. Williams, certainly did himself credit,

in fact, every officer tried his best to sustain the good reputation this Lodge has had in the past. The Senior Deacon's work was exceptionally good, and the one error he made was due to the instructions he had received, and which led to some discussion over the manner of doing the floor work, which, however, was carried on in a fraternal manner. The Lodge-room was very warm, and the ventilation being poor we were glad when the W. M. dispensed with some of the work and allowed us to retire. I have not a report of the sum paid for relief or amount of arrears, neither can I say the number of members 12 months in arrears, but the Secretary reports the financial standing and prospects of the Lodge to be good.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: My official visit was paid to this Lodge on March 15th. A long drive of 23 miles was rendered pleasant by the company of P. M's Todd, Anderson and Nutting, and W. Bro. Purdy and Bro. Nix. On my arrival at Aurora we found the brethren assembled, to the number of about 120, over 80 of whom were visitors, representing Toronto, Bradford, Uxbridge, Newmarket and surrounding district. Conspicuous among the visitors were R. W. Bro. Albert Orton, D. D. G. M. of Simcoe District, No. 9; R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, of Ashlar Lodge, Toronto, and W. Bro. the Hon. E. J. Davis. It certainly must have been very gratifying to the brethren of Rising Sun, as it was to me, to have so large a gathering of visiting brethren in attendance. As one might naturally expect, this Lodge of the Rising Sun, situated in the Village of Aurora, and assembled on the ground floor of a church, should be able to get sufficient inspiration from these sources to let their light so shine before men that others seeing their good works may glorify the good cause, and indeed I think the brethren might go to a worse place for light, as the work of opening and closing in the three degrees, and exemplifying of the first degree with an improvised candidate was in many respects exceedingly well done. The Master and his Wardens performed their parts of the ceremony very acceptably. The Senior Deacon is a splendid officer and the J. D. did his work with fewer mistakes than usually falls to the lot of that office. The Inner Guard is a good worker and the duties of the Director of Ceremonies were placed in good hands when entrusted to W. Bro. Radcliffe. I

should feel that I had neglected an important duty did I not specially compliment W. Bro. Crossley for his very able and eloquent rendering of the charge from the Book of Constitution. I have no hesitation in stating that it was, in my opinion, the finest piece of Masonic work that I have listened to. The books and accounts I found to be kept in a businesslike way, and such criticism as I had occasion to make were received in the proper Masonic spirit. The Lodge-room, as already intimated, is somewhat unique, having been formerly used for church purposes. The building is large and the brethren have it comfortably furnished and well lighted. The visiting brethren were very kindly and hospitably entertained at the festive board, and a very profitable and pleasant hour was spent in speech and song. On the whole, I consider the prospects of this Lodge good, and I see no reason why Rising Sun may not shine in the future with even a more brilliant lustre than it has in the past.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville:—I visited this Lodge officially December 6th, 1900. An invitation having been extended to the brethren of my own Lodge to be present, quite a number of them availed themselves of the privilege. The Lodge was called on in good time, and after the usual routine work, was raised to the third degree and closed down to the first in very good form. The work of initiating a candidate was then proceeded with, and I am pleased to say was performed in such a manner as could not fail to impress the candidate favorably. Indeed, had the floor work been on a par with that of the principal officers, I would have no hesitation in pronouncing the work considerably above the average. In W. Bro. Shankle, Richardson Lodge has an efficient and painstaking officer, to whose influence the present highly progressive character of the Lodge is largely due. The Deacons and Inner Guard are young members, which accounts for their inexperience. The criticisms which I deemed it my duty to make were received in a proper spirit, and I have good reason to believe will have the desired effect. The Secretary is also a young Mason, though an excellent officer. The Treasurer is an old-time veteran of the Craft, who no doubt renders signal service in husbanding the finances of the Lodge, as he was able to report a good substantial balance on the right side. The contributions for charitable purposes indicate that the brethren are not wholly un-

mindful of those truly Masonic ornaments, and I must give to this Lodge the distinction of paying by far the largest amount for relief in proportion to their numbers of any Lodge in the District; with a total membership of but 47 they have contributed the sum of $100.50. An examination of the Tyler's books showed the average attendance to be very good, and on the occasion of my visit about 60 brethren were present, 20 of whom were visitors. The Lodge accommodation is not the best that could be desired, the ante-room being altogether too small, though the Lodge-room is fairly commodious and tolerably well furnished, and the Master assured me that arrangements were being made to provide a suitable ante-room. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the Mansion House, where Bro. Miller catered to the wants of the inner man. A very commendable feature of the banquet was the absence of anything intoxicating at the festive board. The program of toasts following was most appropriate for the occasion, and brought forth responses highly entertaining from an intellectual point of view and well calculated to promote the best interests of the Lodge socially. Especially appropriate were those of Revs. Bros. Lawrence and Brace, who take a deep interest in this Lodge and the Craft generally. I consider the prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: My visit to this Lodge was made on March 11th. There was a splendid gathering of members and visitors to welcome me. The names of the prominent visitors I have mislaid. This is the Lodge to which W. Bro. John Watson belongs, who last year was given the office of District Secretary and who gave excellent satisfaction to the District. No doubt the knowledge and experience gained while visiting the different Lodges has materially benefitted his own; at any rate the work of this evening was of the highest order. The present W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Little, is almost a perfect ritualist, and has a pleasant voice and impressive manner. He is supported by an excellent staff of officers, who appear to give him every encouragement. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed down to the first, when an accepted candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. The opening and closing was well done. The ceremony of initiation was then proceeded with, and

although the W. M. was not well (and the candidate not much better), his work in my opinion has not been surpassed in this District. The Senior Warden discharged his duties creditably. The J. W. also did good work but gave the lecture rather too fast for the candidate to understand the full meaning of it. This was the only point on which I could ask him for improvement. The Deacons, and in fact all the officers of this Lodge, take a lively interest in the work and are a credit to the positions they occupy. I desire to extend my tribute of praise to the choir, whose singing was of the highest order. Although small in number, they were sufficiently large in strength and quality. I found the Secretary also a painstaking officer, his books being neat and clean. I am pleased to learn that this Lodge, which had some trouble a few years ago, is now on the road to prosperity. Although their arrears are $350, they have a handsome surplus of $3,000, and instead of showing a decrease of four, as was the case last year, they had a net increase of eight this year. The general condition of this Lodge is very satisfactory, and I feel assured if the care shown last year is continued, prosperity will inevitably follow. After Lodge was closed a banquet followed, which certainly reflected credit on the brethren. Speech and song were of such a character as to make it a profitable and pleasant evening. .

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: This is my own Lodge, and it was with pleasure I accepted their invitation to instal their officers on the evening of the 27th December (St. John's night). This being the time on which they hold their annual "At Home," a large number of brethren were present. After the installation was over I was given the pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, of presenting the retiring Master with a P. M's Jewel, to which Bro. Hollinger made a suitable reply. When the work of the Lodge was completed we repaired to Bro. Cherpaw's banquet hall, where the invited guests were in waiting, who with the brethren (about 160 in all) sat down to a beautiful spread. On this occasion I availed myself of the privilege of presenting to the brethren and others not Masons a short sketch of our Order, which I have reason to believe will cause us to be looked upon with more favor in this locality than heretofore. After the banquet a large number were provided with music and dancing at Odd-fellows' Hall, while others as-

sembled in the Lodge-room. This was the most successful "At Home" ever held by this Lodge. I paid my official visit on Monday evening, April 1st. We were favored on this occasion with attendance of 80 brethren, about 30 of whom were visitors, a fair representation considering the fact that the country roads were simply impassable, and hence none were able to attend except those who had the advantage of railway accommodation. Conspicuous among the visiting brethren were: W. Bro. Clemens and P. M's of St. George Lodge; W. Bro. Christie and V. W. Bro. Todd from Zeta Lodge; P. M. Watson, of Stevenson Lodge, and a number of other officers and brethren of these Toronto Lodges; W. Bro. Shankle, of Richardson Lodge, and W. Bros. Reesor and Gould, of Markham Union. W. Bro. Purdy and his efficient staff of officers exemplified the first degree for my inspection in a manner reflecting credit on the Lodge. P. M's Todd and Hardy then proceeded with the work in the second degree to a couple of very apt candidates. Bro. Todd is a P. M. who never allows himself to grow rusty but is ever zealous in his efforts to advance the good cause, and his work on this occasion was well nigh faultless. Bro. Hardy did not appear to be in his usual good form, and hence his work was not so well done, although I am prepared to vouch for his skill as a Craftsman. I am pleased to state that this Lodge has an excellent staff of officers. Bro. Purdy, W. M., has the respect, confidence and hearty support of every brother in the Lodge. The Wardens are both young Masons, who are enthusiastic and expert Craftsmen. I was sorry that, owing to sickness, we were deprived of the services of S. W. Capt. Sharpe, but J. W. Barker was on hand and in good form. The quality of work to be done made it necessary to defer the Wardens' lectures to a future meeting. The Wardens, however, are both proficient in this department, and deliver their lectures in good style. The work of the Deacons was so exceptionally good that I cannot refrain from specially complimenting them. W. Bro. Purdy has in Bro. Dr. D. A. Clark a S. D. without a superior in the District, and the J. D., Bro. Barber, is also an excellent officer. I was indeed proud of their work, and it elicited much hearty commendation from the visiting brethren. Secretary Vicars keeps the records of the Lodge well. He is an old tried officer, whose services have

been indispensable to the Lodge for years. Similar remarks may be applied to the veteran Treasurer Boyd, who has for many years kept a close check on the financial management. It was recently decided by a vote of this Lodge that the office of Tyler should be filled by P. M's in order of seniority. With a view of carrying this thoughtful resolution into effect, W. Bro. D. Campbell being the oldest P. M., voluntarily tendered his services, and attends faithfully to the duties of his office. Being so closely identified with this Lodge, and so well acquainted with its workings, I knew what to expect in the matter of efficiency. However, it falls to the lot of most Lodges at a visit of inspection to find some brother officer so excited as to forget part of his work. On the whole, I may safely affirm that I had good reason to be proud of the work done, and I feel assured that the official management has been placed in good hands and the future outlook is excellent. At the close of a faithful evening's work an adjournment was made to the Plank House, where Bro. Plank exemplified the fourth degree satisfactorily. The brethren of Zeredatha will not soon forget the many kind sentiments expressed and the pleasant time spent in the company of these most welcome guests who honored us with their presence on this occasion.

Brougham Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on June 6th. Acting upon the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to visit weak Lodges as often as possible, I paid an early visit to this Lodge, and indeed found them very weak and somewhat disheartened. On the first visit there was no W. M., no Wardens, and but one P. M. to open the Lodge, after which the District Secretary, W. Bro. Nutting was asked to confer the second degree, which he willingly did, and with credit to himself. W. Bros. Todd and Anderson, of my own Lodge, acted as Wardens. I appealed to the brethren not to lose heart, and assured them that I would give them all the assistance that they might ask of me. I encouraged them to ask questions, and pointed out the proper way of doing the floor work. On all of my visits I was treated with the greatest of respect and kindness. On my second visit I was glad to have the W. M. and Wardens present, all of whom reside in Toronto. That zealous old Mason, W. Bro. Cashmore, of St. John's was present to assist

the W. M., W. Bro. Walsh. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M. and W. Bro. Cashmore. The work of Bro. Cashmore was well done. I gave them what advice and instruction I deemed necessary for their good, and had the conviction that they would profit by it. On my third visit I was pleased to find a fair number present, and was also pleased that a very marked improvement had been made. The new W. M., W. Bro. Bateson, is a good worker, and rules his Lodge with tact and ability, and I am informed by the members that he can work all the degrees well. On this occasion the exemplification of the second degree was done by him, and although not perfect, still for the opportunities he has had, his work was remarkably well done. That genial old Mason, Bro. Douglas, did fairly well as J. W. The S. W's chair was filled by a P. M., who also gave the lecture. W. Bro. Wm. Barnes acted as S. D., and so anxious was he that the work should be done properly that he forced me to assist him with some parts of the floor work. If all the members of this Lodge were as energetic and anxious for improvement as Bro. Barnes a better class of work would soon be done. The pleasing feature was the remarks of that old veteran, Bro. Poucher, who had been Secretary of this Lodge many years ago, but who got discouraged and has not attended until recently. He informed me in the presence of his brethren that now that they were showing a desire to improve, he would attend regularly and assist them in every way he could. The Secretary, Bro. Beaton, has been the mainstay in keeping this Lodge from going down; he also keeps his books well. All were very anxious for information, questions came from every part of the room, and it was a pleasure for me to give these fine fellows light and a promise to come again. We were royally entertained at a banquet prepared for the occasion. I can report the prospects of this Lodge very bright.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: My official visit was made to this Lodge on March 21st. There was a large number of visiting brethren present and a fair number of their own members. I was sorry to learn of the illness of the W. M., W. Bro. Cooke, who had an attack of fever which prevented him from being present. His place, however, was well filled by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Alex. Anderson, who having had but a short notice

to prepare, was at first somewhat nervous, but soon shook the feeling off and got through the ceremonies extremely well. There were present W. Bro. Edward Davis, officers and members of Harmony Lodge; W. Bro. Dane, officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge; W. Bro. Cashmore, officers and members of St. John's Lodge; also W. Bro. J. Cherry, P. M. Patterson Lodge; Bro. W. A. McSims, Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville; Bro. J. McKibbon, from Iowa, U. S.; a total of 60 visitors, which I thought Doric took as a compliment from the manner they were received and entertained. The first degree was carried through successfully. W. Bro. P. M. Anderson, whose sucecss in the chair last year was of the best, fully sustained his reputation, and W. Bro. Cooke made no mistake in leaving his Lodge in charge of this genial P. M. I was very well pleased with the S. W's work. The J. W. is also an efficient officer, giving his charge very creditably. The J. D. is filling his office satisfactorily, in fact all of the officers are trying to do their duty. P. M. Cooke gave the charge very well. Before the Lodge closed I had a talk with the brethren on some questions which had been submitted to me for my ruling, so that in case they should arise in their Lodge they might know what Grand Lodge desires along these lines. At the banquet table I again availed myself of the privilege of a talk on Masonic origin, its principles and benefits. I was well treated by these brethren and enjoyed my visit very much. This Lodge has made some increase this year, but I am sorry to say that their large amount of arrears has been slightly increased, and while the financial standing and prospects are fairly good, an effort should be made to reduce this amount.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I was present by invitation at the regular meeting of this Lodge October 2nd, 1100, and was accorded a very hearty greeting. My personal intimacy made with several of the P. M's made my intercourse with this Lodge very pleasant indeed. The 25th anniversary of the institution of the Lodge was celebrated, and the regular meeting was also converted into a P. M's night. The officers for the evening were: R .W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, my predecessor; V. W. Bros. John Jones and James McFarlane, W. Bros. A. B. Crosby, B. Hunter, W. J. Chick, McP. Ross, J.W. Thompson, James Hewitt, Ira Bates and F. H. An-

derson. There was a large attendance, there being 87 officers and members present, and representatives from 30 Lodges, making a total of 207. A candidate was initiated in a creditable manner. A reception was extended to my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, to whom was presented a handsome set of regalia distinctive of his rank. The committee in charge was composed of V. W. Bro. John Jones, chairman; W. Bro. E. J. Cachmore, W. Bro. Wm. McCartney, and W. Bro. E. B. Brown, who were appointed by me for this purpose. In presenting the regalia V. W. Bro. John Jones spoke in sincere appreciation of the zeal and ability shown by R. W. Bro. Inwood in the discharge of his duty to our noble Craft. At this meeting also there was a presentation of a photo group of the city W. M's in No. 11a District, including the retiring D. D. G. M. and the District Secretary, W. Bro. John Watson. On behalf of those W. M's W. Bro. Prof. Alfred Reyner, M. A., made the presentation to R. W. Bro. Inwood in an address couched in graceful and felicitous language. To both presentations R. W. Bro. Inwood made an appropriate response, and then conveyed the picture gift to Orient Lodge, where it is now placed to the satisfaction of all the brethren. The proceedings of this memorial meeting in the annals of Orient Lodge very fittingly wound up with a banquet, which afforded an opportunity to myself as well as to other visitors to give expression to pleasure and pride in the prosperity and usefulness of this Lodge.

I visited this Lodge officially on March 2nd. On entering the Lodge I was pleased to hear the Canadian Anthem sung, all the brethren taking part. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Inwood, my particular friend, and received by the W. M., Bro. Moore, in the neatest speech it has been my pleasure to listen to in the Lodge-roof. After approaching the East and thanking the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received me, by request I retained the gavel for the purpose of receiving P. M. W. Bro. Capt Gillies, just returned from South Africa on this his first visit to his Masonic home. It was the most touching affair I have seen in connection with my official duties. W. Bro. Gillies was received while the choir and brethren sang "Home Sweet Home." He was introduced by V. W. Bro. John Jones, while I was given the honor of receiv-

ing him. I felt it my duty to recite before the brethren the cause of his absence, the cause of the war, the creditable manner in which he discharged his duty as a British soldier, his career as a Craftsman, and the great pleasure it gave us to welcome him home. Captain Gillies' emotions did not allow him to make a lengthy reply, but he thanked the brethren for the address; for the gold pieces presented him on the eve of his departure; for having been made a life member of the Lodge; for the great kindness shown his wife during his absence, and for the magnificent reception given him on his return. The brethren then encircled him, singing "Auld Lang Syne," after which the W. M. assumed the chair and commenced the work of the evening. The first degree was exemplified and the Lodge passed to the second, when the S. W. gave the lecture to several brethren who had not received it. This Lodge was raised and closed to the first. The opening and closing of the different degrees was well done. W. Bro. Moore initiated a candidate with scarcely an error. His work proved to me that he not only devoted a good deal of time and study, but that he had the management of the Lodge well in hand, ruling with energy and tact, and I believe with the support of every member of the Lodge. The S. W., Bro. Kelly, is also an efficient officer, his work in the degrees, as well as his lecture, pleased me very much. The J. W. has his degree work up, and recited the lecture without missing a word, but gave it too fast for the candidate to fully grasp the whole of it. The Deacons understand the floor work of collection, J. D. in the first making but one error that nearly all make. The Stewards were all that I could expect. The I. G. is the making of a good officer, doing the duty of this office in fine style. I. P. M. W. Bro. Farquhar gave the charge in such an impressive manner as to enable me to say that in my opinion that it had not been excelled but once, and I am convinced that he as W. M., aided very materially in bringing this bright Lodge to its present high state of efficiency. I was particularly pleased with the books kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. F. H. Anderson. I have seen but one set equal to his for penmanship and neatness, and none to equal the method and simplicity by which they are kept. The proceeds of each meeting are therein entered before leaving the room. I also saw here a new system of ballot for the election of offi-

cers. Orient has also an excellent choir, which added very much to the enjoyment of the evening. At our banquet we had very many fine speeches, particularly that of Capt. Gillies. This Lodge has made a wonderful change in the last two years. Instead of a decrease of 16 they have made a net gain of 50. What has caused this change I am not prepared to say. They have not been unmindful of their duties to the needy, having spent $200 for relief. Their financial standing is good and their prospects are excellent. I consider this the most progressive Lodge in the District.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: I visited this Lodge in my official capacity on Saturday night, January 5th. V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone very kindly met me at the hotel and escorted me to the Lodge-room. On my arrival I was received into the Masonic home of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P. G. M., in a manner expressive of the high esteem in which they hold the representative of the Grand Lodge. At my request the Lodge was raised to the third and closed down to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was exemplified to my entire satisfaction. The raising and closing of the Lodge was done with scarcely an error. I expected to see the work in this Lodge of the highest character, and I was in no way disappointed. The W. M., W. Bro. Grant, has a fine rich voice and a very impressive manner, and the way the degree was conferred must have left a lasting effect with the candidate. The candidate was an exceptionally good one, he being the head of the Knights of the Grip. The Senior Warden performed his duties satisfactorily, and I believe will make a first-class Master. The work of the J. W. was well done, the lecture being given without a hitch and in an interesting manner. The Deacons and Stewards are efficient officers. The I. G. especially pleased me, his work could not possibly be improved upon. He is without exception the best officer in that capacity that it has been my pleasure to listen to. The Tyler seems to be attentive to all the calls of the I. G. The Treasurer's books were not present at this time, but judging from what I know of V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone I have no doubt that they are kept in an up-to-date manner. The Secretary is also worthy of commendation, his books were found to be neat and clean. I was pleased to find that they have P. M's in this Lodge that are able to re-

cite the charges from the Constitution, W. Bro. F. W. Flett giving the first very well. Lodge-room is spacious, well furnished and truly a Blue Lodge. I believe the present state of perfection of this Lodge is largely due to the zeal and ability of the W. M. and I. P. M. The present Master's (W. Bro. Grant) rendering of the work was beyond criticism, and at the time of my visit I felt all were working together in harmony, but I have since learned that such is not the case. There seems to be a disagreement among some of the members, and the Lodge is made to suffer thereby. From the last Grand Lodge report I notice that they had had a successful year, but the change this year is so marked that I am of the opinion some discordant element exists that will prove ruinous to the Lodge unless speedy and careful action is taken to discover and rectify it. I hope, however, that the brethren have sufficient charity to exert themselves to restore that universal bond of confidence that should at all times exist among members of the Craft. Whatever the cause is, this Lodge, instead of increasing its membership by 22 as was the case last year, not only have made no advancement but have lessened the number on its roll by four. And while I am able to report good work, good financial standing, I have also to report 55 members owing $525.70. Therefore the immediate future of this Lodge does not appear to be very bright.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: My first official visit was paid to this Lodge on the evening of October 3rd, 1900, accompanied by W. Bro. Todd, Bro. S. W. Capt. Sharp, and the District Secretary, all members of my own Lodge. The train service not being such as I could avail myself of, necessitated a 24 mile drive. We found the brethren very comfortably situated, the Lodge-room commodious, well furnished, neat and tidy. An examination of the Tyler's books showed the usual attendance very good, considering the fact that about half the membership reside in the country, some of them at a distance of 10 and 12 miles. On this occasion there were about 60 brethren present, including visitors. The principal officers were in attendance. They are all young men, and as the Lodge elects its officers in June it is needless to state that they were somewhat nervous about undertaking the exemplification of a third degree, which, however, was done in a fairly creditable manner.

The J. W. being unskilled, his work was done by P. M. McLeod. The W. M. can exemplify all the degrees, and the S. W. is a very good worker. Some of the Past Masters seem to take a lively interest in the Lodge and rendered valuable assistance on this occasion. The floor work was certainly defective, but the brethren seemed willing and anxious to improve and accepted the advice and criticisms which I felt called upon to make with a true Masonic spirit, and hence I have every reason to believe will profit thereby. The Secretary is an old P. M., who keeps the books and records of the Lodge well. As an evidence of the recognition of timely services rendered by him, a pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to him of a Past Master's Jewel. A very suitable address was made by P. M. Dr. Bingham. The Lodge has paid for charitable purposes during the year $15. The best of harmony seems to prevail, and the prospects are bright financially and socially. After the Lodge was closed an adjournment was made to the Bennett House, where the brethren were entertained right royally by the officers of the Lodge. A very marked and I think most commendable characteristic of the whole proceedings was the excellent order that prevailed both in the Lodge-room and around the festive board. I shall not soon forget the hearty reception tendered me by Brock Lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: At the request of the Master-elect, Bro. Clemens, I accepted the invitation of this Lodge to instal their officers for the ensuing year, which I did on the evening of December 7th. There was a good turnout of the brethren and not a few visitors. I was particularly pleased to meet R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, my predecessor in office, and A. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, P. D. D. G., and the Past District Secretary, W. Bro. John Watson at this my first exemplification of the work as D. D. G. M. I was greatly encouraged by the kind remarks of these and other brethren present. The W. M. seemed to be thoroughly acquainted with what duties I asked him to perform, and I have no doubt the good work done by I. P. M. John Drew will be carried on by him. W. Bro. Drew was the recipient of a P. M's Jewel as a token of work well done, to which he made a feeling reply, promising the new W. M. his sympathy and support. W. Bro. W. B. Stoneham was also presented with a P. M's

Jewel in recognition of valuable services rendered the Craft. This being my second visit to this Lodge I was not surprised to find, not only a large attendance, but the respect and pleasure they manifest towards the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. I paid my official visit on the 1st of March. I had with me as pleasant companions the District Secretary and W. Bro. D. Campbell, who expressed themselves as highly pleased with the fraternal greetings made to them. On being admitted to the Lodge I was received with the usual formalities, coupled with some kind remarks of the W. M., who informed me that he would offer for my inspection the work of the first degree. The usual routine of business being finished the W. M. proceeded with the initiation of a candidate in the person of Mr. Frank Saunders, son of the veteran S. W., who by the way has two sons members of this Lodge, and expects in a short time to receive the third. The remarks made by the candidate expressing his opinion of Masonry before and after his reception, as well as his ability as a singer, satisfied me that he is a true son of his father. His beautiful sentiments were no doubt brought out by the excellent and impressive manner in which he was made a Mason. My prediction at the time I installed W. Bro. Clemens has been fully verified. He not only performed this degree well, but takes a deep interest in his Lodge, and I believe has the respect and support of very member. The J. W. gave his lecture in a letter perfect style. The S. W. did his work equally well. In fact, every officer of the Lodge has his work to the letter, and if mistakes occur it is in the floor work. As we went along I made a few corrections, but they were few, which were received in a Masonic spirit. I would be short of my duty did I not make mention of the excellent music rendered on this occasion. St. George has a choir to be proud of. The good condition in which I found this Lodge is on doubt due to the untiring energy of the P. M's. W. Bro. Thompson, I believe, was the first to give it new life, his year being crowned with considerable success. The good work was not lessened any by I. P. M. Drew who is fulfilling his promise to assist the new W. M., and on this occasion recited the charge without a mistake. St. George has made good progress this year, having received 24 and lost 10, a net increase of 14. They have paid for relief $125, and have the distinction of

having the largest average attendance of any Lodge in this District, viz., 90. The financial standing is good and their future seems bright, but I am sorry to report the amount of arrears has been increased.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto. By request of this Lodge I paid an official visit on December 28th, and installed the officers for the incoming year. A finer staff of officers, intellectually and physically, it would be hard to find, and from the flattering remarks made of them by many members of the Lodge, I would infer that they were the unanimous choice of the Lodge. I. P. M. W. Bro. T. S. Malcolm was presented with a P. M's Jewel by W. Bro. Christie on behalf of the Lodge. In thanking the brethren for this emblem of goodwill, Bro. Malcolm said his year had been so pleasant, and he had received such a good report, he was sorry to leave the chair, but he assured the new W. M. of his hearty support on all occasions. Having thus had the honor of launching the officers of this and St. George's Lodges on their official career, it would be but natural to infer that I should watch over their deliberations with jealous care, and now that I have become more intimately acquainted with their work I am pleased to be able to report that the present high state of efficiency should be a sufficient guarantee to the members of these Lodges that they have placed the official management in the hands of worthy officers. I paid my official visit of inspection on March 22, and was astonished at the large number present, every available seat of this fine hall was occupied. It was really a fine gathering. I noticed among those present W. Bro. Jackson Little, W. M. Stevenson Lodge; W. Bro. Wm. Grant, of Georgina Lodge; W. Bro. G. K. Clemens, of St. George; W. Bro. Francis Blackburn, of Alpha Lodge, also V. W. Bro. John Jones, W. Bro. Capt. Gillies and Bro. Kelly, of Orient Lodge, and about 40 P. M's of different city Lodges. The opening and closing was well done, and W. Bro. Christie informed me that he had prepared his officers for the third degree, but after waiting for some time the candidate did not put in an appearance, and by consent another brother took his place. I therefore asked the W. M. to give me a better opportunity of viewing the work. The exemplifying of this degree was done in a masterly style. Although the W. M. has not the fine voice of some others, I consider him a letter

perfect and energetic W. M., displaying those qualities of tact and ability so necessary for the fulfilment of his office. The Wardens did their work to my satisfaction. I was particularly impressed with the work of the Junior Deacon, Bro. Henderson. In my opinion it could not be improved upon, although he was acting as Senior Deacon. The acting J. D. had never filled this office and did not do himself justice. The work of the Stewards was all I could ask, and the I .G. does credit to the office he holds. Taking the work as a whole I could not find any serious objection, and felt it my duty to compliment them and to thank them for the able manner in which every officer had fulfilled the obligations received from me on the night of installation. This Lodge has made some advancement this year. They have arrears of but $47 and a cash balance of nearly $700. I consider the outlook of this Lodge to be good, and I desire to compliment the Secretary in reducing the amount of arrears from $200 to $47. He also keeps his books well, as does the Treasurer also.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: I visited this Lodge on May 2nd and had with me the District Secretary, W. Bro. Anderson, and Bro. Nix. Our drive of 22 miles was a most pleasant one. Not having had the privilege of meeting any of these brethren in a Masonic capacity, they seemed to be inclined to question my right to hold communication with them, and at once instituted a Board of Trial. I thought this rather a strange procedure, though it was undoubtedly within their province to impose this restriction if they thought it judicious to do so. I managed to pass muster, however, for the examination was rather a tame affair. The regular attendance of this Lodge seems to be small, and on the occasion of my visit there were present about 20 brethren, 7 of whom were visitors. The rooms occupied had been recently overhauled and renovated, and are comfortable and very well equipped. The brethren were disappointed in not having a candidate either for initiation or passing, both of whom had been expected. Hence I was not given an opportunity of seeing much of their work, though part of the initiation ceremony was rehearsed by the W. M. and his officers in a somwehat imperfect manner. I have no doubt, however, that with a bona fide candidate the work would be done fairly creditable. I would infer from what I saw that the

Wardens are both good workers, the W. M. is fairly well skilled, and the Secretary is exceptionally good; the other officers did not appear to have their work very well in hand. I found that the Lodge had been a little unfortunate in being called upon recently to discipline an offending brother, and considerable discord had been the result. I trust, however, that the grievance, which is likely to be further ventilated in Grand Lodge, may be so wisely ordered there, that "lasting good may be the final goal of ill." I regret to state that the outlook at present is not any too promising.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I visited this Lodge on March 18th and had with me V. W. Bro. John Jones, W. Bros. Moore and Bates, of Orient Lodge; W. Bro. Cashmore and members of St. John's; W. Bro. Cherry, of Patterson Lodge. This is the Masonic home of V. W. Bro. John Parcel, who last year was a candidate for the office I now hold, but who generously retired in my favor. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Capt. Gillies for the first time, he had just returned from South Africa, where he had been doing service in Her Majesty's battles. I again received a cordial reception and was pleased to find them so pleasantly situated. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The initiation of a candidate was also very well done. W. Bro. R. B. Adams makes a good Master, and has been untiring in his efforts to advance the Lodge. His degree work was not strictly ritualistic, but was done in such a way as to convey the same meaning and leave a good impression with the candidate. He is well supported by his subordinate officers, who also seemed to be exerting themselves in the interests of their Lodge. I made some corrections, which were well received, and I was assured that the few mistakes made would not occur again. This is the youngest Lodge in the District, and they deserve a great deal of praise for the progress they have made, having the largest membership of any country Lodge in this District. They made my visit so pleasant that I shall not soon forget it. The outlook for this Lodge is very promising, and if the care shown in the past is continued in the future their membership will soon be as great as that of many of the city Lodges.

By reference to tabular statement showing the work done, it will be seen that there has been a substantial in-

crease in membership during the year. This is somewhat smaller than I had expected, however, and is due in a measure to the fact that a little more care is being exercised in the use of the ballot. It would appear that quality of material admitted, rather than marked increase in numbers, is the watchword in our District. The brethren are perhaps to be complimented in this matter. At any rate, I was very favorably impressed with the appearance of many of the candidates I saw admitted. They were, generally speaking, men that gave promise of sufficient zeal and intelligence to be a source of strength to the Order. It will be seen that Orient, St. George and St. Andrews have outshone the others in the matter of increase in numbers, and that Georgina is on the decline, the membership having fallen off during the year to the extent of four. I think this is to be attributed to an unwarrantable discord existing among its members, which appears to be sapping the strength of the Lodge. Stevenson Lodge is to be congratulated on its extra financial standing, no less than $3,000 of a surplus in the treasury. St. George's average attendance of 90, with a total membership of 116, is the best in the District, and assures me that meetings in this Lodge are, to say the least, made pleasant and profitable to the brethren. This example is worthy of emulation throughout the District, as the attendance at regular meetings is far from what is should be. I regret having to report one case of suspension for unmasonic conduct, that of Doric, Pickering. This unpleasant matter will likely be brought to the notice of Grand Lodge.

During the year that great avenger, "Death," has also been among us, and has laid his stern hand upon 16 of our members. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved, and hope that these worthy brethren may meet with a noble reward in the Grand Lodge above.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren: By your confidence you placed me, one year ago, in this high and responsible position, and it has been my aim to discharge the duties of the office conscientiously and to the best of my ability; and although I may not have fulfilled your expectations, I have earnestly endeavored to merit your confidence. I think you will give me the credit of having the courage of my convictions, and while some officers may feel that I have

been too strict, yet I have reason to believe that the Craft will appreciate my efforts to do my simple duty, and that with a due regard to the interests of the whole fraternity. However that may be, my enjoyment of the work has been thoroughly genuine. My regret is that more time could not have been devoted to visitation. Situated as I am, 12 to 14 miles from the nearest Lodge, and forty from the half, with poor train accommodation and a large business demanding my personal attention, I could do no more than I have. Some of the weaker Lodges I have visited three times, several twice, and the remaining ones once. My successor will not be so situated, as by the unwritten law he will be selected from the city of Toronto, from which place he can visit all the Lodges without much loss of time. To him I will hand over the insignia of this office with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret; satisfaction that I am able to leave to him a District prosperous numerically, financially, socially, and well versed in the exemplification of the work, and I promise him the sympathy and support, together with the dignified respect which this District has always shown to the representative of Grand Lodge; regret, that I will not have the pleasure of meeting so often my brethren who have made this the most pleasant year of my life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. J. GOULD, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District, No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in Toronto East District No. 11a, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership		Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
16	St. Andw's.	Toronto	242	19	9	15	14	9	4	...	3	4	...	2	10	5	15	48	122 84	26	$ 185 70	June, 1901..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Hall tr'st
23	Richmond	Richmo'd Hill.	34	4	2	3	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	11	1	12	12	14 00	7	40 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	$2500 00
25	Ionic	Toronto	242	10	3	6	9	9	4	...	3	...	...	...	9	2	11	38	88 20	9	71 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	Hall tr'st
75	St. John's	Toronto	233	9	9	9	8	7	...	...	3	4	...	2	11	3	13	52	210 00	28	354 00	Dec , 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	Hall tr'st
87	Mark'm U.	Markham	36	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	12	1	13	14	5 00		none.	June, 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	$ 500 00
97	Sharon	Sharon	55	7	1	6	6	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	13	4	17	12	20 00	19	55 50	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
99	Tuscau	Newmarket	51	4	2	3	3	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	11	1	12	17	no rep't				Good	Good	Yes	300 00
129	Rising Sun.	Auror	64	2	...	1	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	3	16	20	none.	21	123 75	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Fair	Yes	1500 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	47	10	4	5	5	6	3	2	3	1	...	...	12	4	16	22	100 50		none.	June, 1901.	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	200 00
218	Stevenson..	Toronto	191	15	7	13	14	12	..	2	1	3	...	3	11	3	14	47	58 00	25	352 35	Dec., 1900...	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	Hall tr'st
220	Zeredatha..	Uxbridge	79	7	1	6	6	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	12	3	15	26	none.	2	10 50	Dec., 1900...	Good	Bright.	Yes	$ 500 00
269	Brou'm U.	Claremont	40	7	...	4	3	2	2	1	...	...	..	..	9	2	11	10	7 00	12	65 75	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	Yes	None.
316	Dori	Toronto	146	13	9	12	12	11	1	...	6	2	...	1	10	2	12	30	20 00	13	454 90	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good	Yes	Hall tr'st
339	Orient	Toronto	204	33	6	27	26	23	4	2	3	...	...	3	14	12	26	45	200 00	14	182 80	Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	$1000 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	206	7	11	7	12	11	...	...	6	3	...	2	10	8	18	60	100 00	55	525 70		Good	Fair	Yes	1200 00
354	Brock	Cannington	55	8	6	7	7	3	...	1	3	3	...	...	11	1	12	15	17 00	15	65 00	July, 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
367	St. George..	Toronto	166	21	10	19	15	12	4	1	4	6	...	...	12	3	15	90	125 00	10	412 75	June, 1900..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Hall tr'st
410	Zeta	Toronto	118	19	15	13	9	12	4	2	6	9	...	...	11	5	16	34	52 68	22	46 50	Dec., 1900...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	$1500 00
424	Doric	Pickering	37	2	2	2	3	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	12	2	14	11	50 00		none.	Dec., 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00
430	Acacia	East Toronto	84	10	2	9	7	2	11	...	...	2	...	...	12	1	13	29	10 00	7	198 87	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Ontario District, No. 12, during the past year. I do with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret; pleasure, because all my official duties and visits throughout the District have been a series of agreeable tasks; and regret, because this report must be the closing act of my duties as D. D. G. M., which duties have been a pleasure for me to perform.

I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the last meeting of Grand Lodge in electing me to this important and responsible office, and to express to the brethren throughout the District my gratefulness for the kind treatment accorded to me whilst paying my official visits, a cordial reception being accorded me on every occasion.

During my term of office it has been my constant effort to merit the confidence placed in me. If I have fallen short in the performance of my duty it was not through lack of zeal in the cause.

During the year I have granted two dispensations to attend Divine service, viz., Faithful Brethren, No. 77, on June 23rd, 1901; Havelock, No. 435, on June 30th, 1901. Several Lodges throughout the District have attended Divine service, but not clothed as Masons, hence no dispensations.

I recommended dispensations being granted to Fidelity Lodge, No. 435, Port Perry, to hold an "At Home" in their Lodge-room on June 28th, 1901, which was granted by the M. W. the Grand Master.

I received an application from a large number of Masons, many of whom reside in the village of Kinmount, for letters of dispensation to open a new Lodge in that village. Enclosed therewith was a recommendation from Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, being the nearest Lodge to that village, a distance of 12 miles. Also a recommendation from Spry, No. 409, Fenelon Falls, being the next nearest, a distance of 20 miles. I recommended

the granting of this dispensation from the fact that there are many warm and enthusiastic Masons in and around the village of Kinmount who are inconvenienced in Craft work by having to travel a distance of 12 miles over a very rough road to attend Lodge. I trust that the M. W. the Grand Master may see it in his good judgment to grant these brethren the letters of dispensation.

Of the 24 Lodges in the District I have visited 22, some of them several times, and in every case have endeavored to fill the responsible position of the representative of the Grand Master in this District to the best of my ability.

Knowing that accuracy and uniformity of the work is one of the great essentials, I devoted considerable effort to its attainment, and in my visits endeavored to instruct as far as my knowledge would permit, which in every case was most acceptable to the brethren. I corrected whenever I found it necessary, and complimented only where it was deserved.

The harmony that exists throughout the District is most gratifying. Another very pleasing feature is the exchange of visits between members of the different Lodges. Not having held a Lodge of Instruction, these visits I endeavored to stimulate, as I am a firm believer in the good results effected by these fraternal visits. I was delighted to find in many Lodges the active interest taken in the affairs of the Lodge by the Past Masters, who are pillars of strength to their respective Lodges, for I find that when the Past Masters take an active part the work is of a higher order than when they drop out as soon as they are through the several chairs. With the exception of two Lodges my expenses have been paid, and I sometimes found that my hotel bill had been paid as well, showing that the brethren do not neglect clause 178, page 98 B. C.

As some of my predecessors have done, I have followed their example and arranged my report of visits as to number of Lodge, and not the date on which I made the visit.

Ontario Lodge, No. 29, Port Hope: I visited this Lodge officially on March 21st. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. C. McCullough, of Orono Lodge. I there met many visiting brethren from Hope Lodge, also several from the town of Cobourg. I had written R. W.

Bro. Evans to meet me on that occasion; he right royally did so and gave me able assistance throughout. A very large and enthusiastic lot of Masons received me in their beautiful and well furnished hall. The work for the evening was one initiation, which was done very ably by W. Bro. Brown, being well assisted by his officers. It is needless for me to say that the books are well kept when in charge of R. W. Bro. Robertson. While the books are well kept, I regret to say that the amount of arrearages for dues is much too large for the prosperity of any Lodge. Special attention should be given to this matter. With this exception the prospects are good. After the Lodge closed the brethren spent a very pleasant hour in their banqueting hall, when refreshments were provided, followed by toasts, speeches and songs.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: This Lodge I visited on March 7th. Found Bro. Fred. Hatch at the station to hurry in the train. There was a large attendance, many visiting brethren from Cedar, Lebanon and Mount Zion Lodges. The work for the evening was one second, which was exemplified by W. Bro. Huggard fairly well, receiving fair support from his officers. A little more practice would make them more perfect in their work. As W. Bro. Huggard is past the years of rapid learning we should not look for too much from him. I have little fear of the officers of No. 30 going far astray in the work with V. W. Bro. Taylor, R. W. Bro. Ross, and that enthusiastic and well posted Msaon, Bro. Hatch, watching them closely for any errors, calling them down for the slightest mistake. Books well kept, dues well looked after and fairly well paid, with bright prospects ahead.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: I visited this Lodge on January 30th. Accompanied by the officers and several brethren of Orono, No. 325, I found a large number of the brethren present, and I received a warm and cordial welcome. The work for the evening was one passing. While it was the first work done by the newly installed officers, they did it with credit to themselves and their Lodge. The W. M., Bro. Gilfillen, exemplified the work for the first time in a very able manner, with little to improve on by practice. The S. W., Bro. Bragg, gave the lecture on the T. B., as he only can give it, and showed ability to make a W. M. that the

Lodge will feel proud of. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, still retaining the life and energy given it some years ago by W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, when it was for that year the leading Lodge in this District for work done. The books are well and neatly kept, dues well paid, with bright prospects ahead.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: I made my official visit to this Lodge on March 5th, accompanied by several brethren of Composite, No. 30, Whitby. A very cold night and attendance poor, many of the officers being absent, notwithstanding the fact that there was an initiation on for that night, the first they have had for about three years. The main officer, W. M. Bro. Moore, was in the chair, and for the first time did actual work. All things considered he did fairly well, but he, and I have no doubt the other officers as well, need practice. W. Bro. Fred. Hatch, P. M. of Composite, No. 30, was asked to give the lecture on the J. W's tracing board; he did so very ably, and in his deep resonant tones traced out the entire field of Masonry in the first degree. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. F. Scott for the manner in which he fought for the life of his Lodge in the days of his adversity. Now that it has made a fresh start I trust it may steadily increase, that he may have reason to rejoice for his loyal adherence. Books of this Lodge are well kept, and dues well paid, with prospcts brighter than for some years.

Durham Lodge, No. 99, Newcastle: I installed the officers of this Lodge on December 27th. At that time I expected they would soon be called upon to do actual work, but regret to say that my expectations did not materialize until June 25th, when I made my official visit and saw them initiate their first candidate for the year. The work was of a higher order than I expected to see and very creditable to the young Master, Bro. A. McLeod. Several of his officers were absent, but he was ably supported by Past Master J. P. M. Bro. Dr. Farncomb, who ably filled the J. W's chair. Too much cannot be said for the very great interest taken in the work by the Rev. J. Farncomb, who appears to be a pillar of strength to this Lodge. The books appear to be well kept, but dues are being poorly paid, showing the largest amount of arrearage to the number of members of any Lodge in the District. No Lodge can prosper unless dues are being fairly well paid. I trust that

my remarks in regard to this matter will be productive of good results and that the report of my successor in this particular will be a more favorable one. Prospects for the future are not the brightest.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: This Lodge I visited on October 5th, it being the occasion of a reception given to His Honor R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., D. G. M. It is needless for me to say that there were very many present from all surrounding District Lodges. The address was read and presented by R. W. Bro. S. H. Armour in his very able manner, to which R. W. Bro. Harding made a very suitable reply. The work for the evening was four initiations, three of which were done by the W. M., Bro. Williamson, in a very creditable manner, and he was ably assisted by his officers. The fourth initiation was exemplified by R. W. brethren present, and needless to say that it was well done. This Lodge at the present time is the most prosperous in the District ,and the hopes of R. W. Bro. Evans have materialized when he said two years ago that he hoped the presence of R. W. Bro. Harding would be of assistance to Faithful Brethren. Much credit is also due to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Shaw, for the active part he took in bringing this Lodge to the front. The Lodge this year is in charge of W. Bro. Anderson, who is a careful, impressive, and exact worker, and he tries to have his officers do their work in conformity with his own. With an increase of 22 this year, and with the brightest prospects ahead, those brethren who stayed with the Lodge in the days of its adversity must rejoice. The books of the Lodge are well kept, dues properly looked after and well paid up.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough: I visited this Lodge on February 27th. I met there R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, D. G. M., and a large number of the members of Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay. I also had the pleasure of meeting there R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, D. D. G. M. of Frontenac District, No. 14, and my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw. So much has been said and is already known about this Lodge that it will be needless for me to say other than that the management of this Lodge and the work done by its officers is nearly faultless The work for the evening was one first and one third, the initiations being done by the W. M., Bro. Morrison, in such a manner as only those who

are well skilled could do it. His officers ably assisted him, showing ability and careful training. The sublime degree of a Master Mason was exemplified by several of the Past Masters of this Lodge, and they proved themselves pillars of support. Books fairly well kept, dues well paid up, with good prospects ahead.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: This Lodge I visited on June 7th, and for the second time was given a warm and cordial reception by the brethren of the Craft in that town. A number of visitors, in addition to a large number of the members, were present. This meeting was a very pleasant one, as well as a profitable one. There were many questions asked, which I endeavored to answer to the best of my ability, being ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Evans. The work for the evening was the sublime degree, which was fairly well exemplified by the W. M., Bro. Bone. While the wording was nearly perfect, he did not give it the time and expression that I would like to have seen. He was ably assisted by his officers, who showed training and practice. The general business of this Lodge is well looked after, books well kept, with future prospects bright.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, and Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: I visited these Lodges on March 29th, a union meeting being held. The attendance was large, several visiting brethren being present, among the number that veteran Mason, V. W. Bro. Taylor, of Composite Lodge, No. 30. I received a warm and cordial welcome on entering their large and well furnished room. The W. M., Bro. Dickey, of Lebanon Lodge, and his officers first assumed work and initiated a candidate, which was quite well done. W. Bro. Smith, of Cedar Lodge, and his officers then took the chairs and exemplified the work of the first degree, which was fairly well done in spite of the very evident nervousness of the Master. I desire to make special mention of the almost faultless rendition of the J .W., Bro. Joe Rae, of the lecture in first degree. The charge of the newly initiated candidates was very ably rendered by P. M. Bro. Henry. The books of both Lodges are well kept and general business looked after closely. After the work of the Lodge was over we were escorted to their cosy banquet room, where a couple of hours were spent in the fourth degree, until we followed the electric lights and went out.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: This is one of the two Lodges I did not visit. Tried several times to arrange for a meeting, but could not make it satisfactory to the Lodge and myself as to date. Fully expected to have visited them on June 27th, but at the last moment they wired me not to come, and as I have not yet received statement of the work done during the year I cannot report on this Lodge only that the Secretary has been very neglectful in fulfilling his duty as regards clause 190, page 65 B. C.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: Visited this Lodge on May 3rd, and for the second time was welcomed to the Masonic town of Peterborough. It is justly called a Masonic town, and I believe I would be safe in saying there is not a town within the Province containing a better and more ethusiastic lot of Masons than that of Peterborough. There was in attendance about 125, including a large list of Past Masters, the East being more than completely filled. The work for the evening was one initiation and one third. The W. M., Bro. Roszel, exemplified the work of the first in a very excellent manner. He was ably assisted by each and every one of his officers, leaving me nothing to do in dealing with the work but compliment the Lodge and its officers on the efficiency of their work. The third or sublime degree was exemplified by Past Masters in a faultless manner. I was very favorably impressed by the care which had evidently been taken in the instruction of the candidate, one being examined in the third work and proving himself a credit to his instructors as well as to himself. The books are well kept and in a manner to conform with the whole work of this Lodge, showing that the Secretary, Bro. Walkey, can look after the books as well as work the thirds in a faultless manner. After work we adjourned to the banquet room and enjoyed ourselves as only Masons can, toast, speech and song pleasantly passing until the J. W's toast sent us wandering out into the night.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: For this Lodge I have little to say that is creditable to it or its officers. I tried to arrange for a meeting but failed to do so. I examined their books on May 29th and found them, as well as their Lodge-room, in a very unhealthy condition, they having held only about 15 meetings in three years. During last year I could only find record of two meet-

ings. This is far from what should be. The lack of energy seems to be the cause of the death, I might say, of this Lodge. The present officers being all professional men, claim to have no time to look after anything but their own business. As one of my predecessors did, I will hand this Lodge over to my successor to bury. At the same time, I hope he may find some method whereby he may be able to instill new life into it.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: This Lodge I visited on May 30th. The attendance was small. The work for the evening was one second, but as the candidate was not present one of the brethren kindly consented to act in that capacity. The manner in which the work was done showed that the W. M. and officers had not spent much time in practice. Books fairly well kept, dues should be better looked after and collected.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: This Lodge I visited on June 4th, accompanied by W. Bro. Roszel, V. W. Bro. Munro, P. M. Conway and several other brethren of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155. A large number of the members in attendance, many visiting members being present, from whom I received a warm and cordial welcome. I had the pleasure of seeing the work of the third degree exemplified by the W. M., Bro. Hill, assisted by P. M. Kelly and V. W. Bro .Hull, in a manner almost above criticism, every officer performing his particular part of the ceremony with credit and ability. From the small increase of the Lodge this year and the large number of applications received, I would say that they are guarding their portals well and prefer quality to quantity, but I trust there is nothing being done unmasonic in such a frequent use of the black ball. I wish to make special mention of Bro. R. Q. Dench, who is the model Secretary of the District, as shown by the excellent manner in which the books are kept and his whole duty performed. After the conclusion of the Lodge work an adjournment was made to the hall, where mine host had prepared an excellent spread, which was done ample justice to, after which a pleasant hour or two was spent in speech and song, and thus ended another of the happy evenings of my official work in the District.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: As this is my mother Lodge, of it I will have little to say, leaving others to judge of its proficiency. While it has not increased in numbers this year as I would like to have seen, it has

nevertheless made some increase. The W. M., Bro. R. C. McCullough, is a careful and impressive in any of the degrees, and is ably assisted by his S. W., Bro. Underwood, and J. W., Bro. Legott. In fact, all the officers under him are well up in their work. In years gone by the officers of this Lodge were considered equal with the best, and I would have been disappointed to have found it otherwise this year. The books are well kept, dues fairly well paid, with, I hope, a more successful year under the charge of my successor.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene: This Lodge I visited on May 2nd. I was met at the station by R. W. Shaw, who claimed me as his guest, and right hospitably was I treated by himself and his estimable lady, Mrs. Shaw, while remaining in the village. This Lodge has been rather unfortunate this year through the illness of the W. M., he only being able to attend Lodge once up to the time of my visit. The work for the evening was one second, which was exemplified by a Past Master in a fairly creditable manner, showing that he was well posted on the general outlines of the work, but was a little rusty for want of practice. While this Lodge is not large in numbers, the quality of its members is right, and are ably assisted in doing everything right by their Secretary, R. W. Bro. Shaw. The general condition of this Lodge is satisfactory, and I feel assured that if the care shown in the last few years is continued prosperity will follow.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee: I visited this Lodge on June 6th. On account of an Orange District meeting being held in the village that night the attendance was small, but those I met in the Lodge were alive to the interest of Masonry, especially W. Bro. Cameron. There was to have been a second degree given, but as the candidate was not present it could not be gone through with. The opening and closing of the three degrees was very satisfactorily worked. In each degree several questions were asked, and I trust answered satisfactorily to all. This Lodge is now in a more prosperous condition than three years ago. The brethren who take an active part in the work and management of this Lodge have great hope that brighter days are in store.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield. This is one of the two Lodges I did not visit. For the past four or

five months smallpox has been very prevalent in that locality. While I would have no trouble in entering the village, I had some little doubt that I might be called upon to partake of the hospitality of the brethren for about seventeen days, which was longer than I wished for. This Lodge has made great progress since changing its location some years ago from Victoria road to Kirkfield. I know the W. M., Bro. Mosgrove, to be well skilled in the Craft work, and the Secretary, Bro. McClelland, to be careful and efficient in the discharge of his duties.

Spry Lodge, No. 409, Fenelon Falls: I visited this Lodge on May 1st. A fair attendance was present, including R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, who takes an active part in the work. The work for the night was one second, which was fairly well exemplified by the W. M., Bro. Graham, who received fair assistance from his officers. Care given to not dealing with the work too liberally would be beneficial. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees was quite satisfactory, some questions being asked in the work of the third degree which I trust were answered in a way that would be beneficial to all. The books are in charge of V. W. Bro. Wm. Farncomb, and it is needless for me to say that they are well attended to, as is any other work that he thinks will be of value to the Craft.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: This Lodge I visited on April 30th. It was a very wet night, and as many of the members live at a distance from the village the attendance was small. The work of the second was exemplified by W. M., Bro. Williamson, who is one with a great deal of push and energy and anxious to do his work well. On this occasion, however, his nerves appear to have been unsettled, and he did not do himself justice. He was ably supported by his officers. The books are well kept and the dues well paid up. As the Lodge has made no increase for a number of years and has this year been increased by four, I look for brighter days for it now that it ras made a fresh start.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: I visited this Lodge on April 29th. I was met at the station by several warm and enthusiastic Masons. On entering their Lodge-room I was delighted with the large number present, and also with their fine and well furnished hall, which is second to none in the District. The work for

the evening was the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which was worked by the W. M., Bro. Swan, in a nearly perfect manner. He was very ably supported by his officers. Knowing as I did the history of Masonry in Port Perry some few years ago, I must say I was agreeably surprisel with everything in connection with Fidelity Lodge. Its beautiful hall, the work of the officers, its enthusiastic members, and last but not least its very efficient Secretary, Bro. Spence, who attends to his duties in conformity with everything in connection with No. 428. I look for great progress in this Lodge in the very near future.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock: I visited this Lodge on February 1st by official request of the W. M., Bro. Dodd, to assist in the installation of their officers. I was accompanied byW. M., R. C. McCullough, Orono Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Wood and V. W. Bro. Wench, of Corinthian Lodge, Peterborough, who gave able assistance in the installation ceremony. The third degree work was also on for that night. As the retiring officers were a little rusty that night they asked the visiting brethren mentioned above to give the work, which they did in their able manner. There was a very large attendance present. While I had no opportunity to judge the work of the officers I would say that from the general ability of the newly-installed officers and the great interest taken in the affairs of the Lodge, they are proving themselves worthy of the honor conferred upon them. Books fairly well kept, with dues fairly well paid. The prospects are bright for a good Lodge at Havelock.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: This, the baby Lodge of the District, I visited on May 31st, accompanied by R. W. J .E. Harding, D. G. M.; W. Bro. Anderson and Bro. McDermott, of Faithful Brethren, Lindsay, and R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, of Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls. The 12 miles of a drive, over one of the worst roads in Ontario, was in some ways unpleasant, nevertheless we rather enjoyed the trip. This Lodge, called the "baby Lodge" of the District, is assuming large proportions, and can justly claim a standing above the average for numbers and also for the quality of its members, as well as for the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge are looked after and the principles of Masonry carried out. The work of the evening was one passing. The candidate, in giving proof of his proficiency, showed

that he had been carefully instructed by those well skilled in the work. The work of the second degree was performed in a manner creditable to the W. M., Bro. Hartle, and all his officers, leaving little to be desired. The books are neatly and well kept, dues are well looked after and well paid up. After the work of the Lodge was over we were escorted to their banquet room, where well-spread tables awaited us. After the first part of the fourth degree was over a couple of hours were spent in speech and song. His Honor Judge Harding gave us a very able address on Masonry, which I trust will be long remembered by all present on that occasion.

I regret to say that several of the statistical blanks sent by me to the various secretaries have not yet been returned. These are of vital importance to any D. D. G. M. in making out his report, and I trust that the secretaries will take this matter into their consideration so that my successor will not be inconvenienced by it.

In conclusion I desire to thank all those brethren who have so ably assisted me in the discharge of my duties as D. D. G. M., and in particular my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Shaw, for his many acts of kindness, and also all those brethren who have endeavored to make my visits of such a nature that I will be able to look back with happy recollections to the year I represented the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the Ontario District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. H. LINTON, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No 12, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership.			Degree's conf'rd.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.										
26	Ontario	Port Hope	82	3	11	1	1	4	2	...	3	7	...	1	14	3	17	20	165 00	26	$ 187 50	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	$1500 00	
30	Composite.	Whitby	74	8	2	8	8	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	13	2	15	27	20 00	12	53 50	Jan., 1901...	Good	Bright	Yes	400 00	
31	Jerusalem.	Bowmanville ..	62	5	...	5	4	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	11	1	12	25	35 00	4	50 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
39	Mt. Zion ...	Brooklin.....	22	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	1	11	14	35 00			June, 1900 .	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
66	Durham	Newcastle	28	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	8	...	8	11	2 00	12	103 00	Dec , 1900...	Fair	Fair	Yes	210 00	
77	Faith.Bret.	Lindsay.....	99	22	...	18	18	9	4	1	1	...	...	2	14	3	17	30	85 80	8	59 00	Feb. 1901...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1200 00	
101	Corinthian	Peterboro'	96	13	...	11	11	6	2	...	1	...	...	1	12	4	16	25	20 00	11	52 50	Jan., 1901...	5 22	Good	Yes	2000 00	
114	Hope	Port Hope	80	3	4	3	3	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	14	...	14	20		6	85 00	June, 1901..	Good	The best	Yes	1500 00	
139	Lebanon ..	Oshawa	61	3	4	2	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	2	11	1	12	20		15	78 50	Dec., 1900	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00	
145	J. B. Hall...	Millbrook	48	3	...	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	12	1	13	11	5 00	4	75 00	Dec., 1900 .	V'ry good	Fair	Yes	250 00	
155	Peterboro'	Peterboro'	150	13	6	11	8	14	1	1	2	...	...	4	14	9	23	41	60 80	15	100 65	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	2200 00	
223	Norwood ...	Norwood	15	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	9	5 00	2	7 00	June, 1899..	Poor	Poor	No	None.	
268	Verulam ...	Bobcaygeon ...	26	2	3	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	9	1	10	10		10	70 25	Dec , 1900...	Fair	Poor	No	500 00	
313	Cle renti ...	Lakefield	50	4	4	4	2	3	...	...	1	3	...	...	11	1	12	16	10 00	2	18 54	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
325	Orona	Orono	30	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	15	81 00	10	36 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	V'ry good	Yes	400 00	
374	Keene.....	Keene	29	1	..	2	2	1	...	...	..	...	..	1	12	..	12	12	15 00	3	21 25	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Fair	No	150 00	
375	Lorne	Omemee	35	3	2	3	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	12	1	13	10		13	250 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	36	4	2	3	3	4	1	..	1	1	..	...	8	3	11	10		4	10 25	Jan., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	None.	
406	The Spry...	Fenlon Falls...	42	6	3	3	4	3	2	1	1	2	...	...	10	1	11	11	63 00	9	28 75	June, 1901..	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00	
408	Murray	Beaverton	36	6	2	6	3	1	.	..	..	2	...	...	9	1	10	12			24 25	July, 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00	
428	Fidelity	Port Perry.....	60	5	2	4	4	4	1	..	1	..	...	1	11	4	15	22	10 00		51 25	June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
435	Havelock...	Havelock.....	58	7	..	6	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	17	5 00	8	51 00	June, 1901..	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
440	Arcadia	Windsor	42	12	2	10	8	7	2	..	1	...	.	1	13	5	18	16	20 00	2	24 70	Jan., 1901 ...	Good	Good	Yes	150 00	
270	Cedar	Oshawa	65	3	5	2	2	2	1	.	2	3	..	..	10	2	12	20	56 00	14	90 00	June, 1901.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the conditions of Masonry in the Thirteenth Masonic District for the past year.

To the brethren of this District I express my heartfelt thanks for the honor which they conferred upon me in electing me to the important position of D. D. G. M. of this District, but still more for the hearty and welcome reception extended to me throughout the District, whether upon ordinary business or upon official visits. I have endeavored to perform the duties of that high office to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in the discharge of my Masonic duties I ask the brethren to give me the benefit of their Masonic charity, as I have endeavored to do my best in the interest of the Craft in general, and the 13th District in particular.

DEATHS.

During my term of office the following deaths have been reported to me, namely: Bro. J. C. Wilson, The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, September 29th, 1900; Bro. John Osborn, Star in East, No. 164, October 13th, 1900; Bro. Lewis Crookshanks, Trent, No. 38, September 27th, 1900; Bro. Thos. Foster, Frank, No. 127, October 27th, 1900; Bro. Captain Anderson, Craig, No. 401; Bro. Thos. Ormond, The Belleville, No. 123, March 27th, 1901; R. W. Bro. J. Smith, The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, March 8th, 1901; W. Bro. W. D. McRae, Crage Lodge, No. 401, June 7th, 1901.

Percy Lodge, No. 161: My first official visit was paid to Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, on October 3rd, 1900. I was accompanied by Bros. G. A. Rose, W. M.; J. Chapman, P. M.; Louis Black, Latta, Davison, Terrell and McColl, all members of Frank Lodge, No. 127. There was a good attendance and we were kindly welcomed and well entertained at the close. The work

was the initiation of a candidate, which was done to my entire satisfaction by the W. M. and officers. The J. W. being absent, the W. M. gave the lecture in the first degree in a very interesting manner. The Lodge was raised to the third degree, and everything goes to show that the brethren have the love of Masonry at heart and are in a prosperous condition. The Secretary has his books in fine condition and the dues are well in hand.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239: Visited Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, on October 5th. Was accompanied by Bros. Ketcheson and D. Falkner, of Belleville Lodge, whose genial company made the long drive a very pleasant one. The work was the initiation of a candidate by the W. M., Bro. Davis, it being the first work after the installation of officers, was done in a very satisfactory manner, and the P. S. Master, Dr. Bowlby, passed a candidate to the Fellow Craft degree with much credit to himself and to the Lodge. I regret to say they are very much in arrears with their dues, but gave the W. M. and Secretary some advice, which they accepted very kindly. I met them at Madoc on the 27th December and they said they were succeeding nicely in getting their dues, otherwise the Lodge is progressing favorably.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222: Visited Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora, on Oct. 30th. Was accompanied by W. Bro. G. A. Rose, W. M. of Frank Lodge, whose cheerful company was much enjoyed, as it was a long drive. The work was the passing of a candidate by the P. M., W. Bro. Proutt (the W. M. being ill at the time). Bro. Proutt is an enthusiastic Mason and exemplified the degree in a very satisfactory manner. I was highly pleased with the way the Wardens delivered the lectures in the different degrees ,and congratulated the Lodge on having such a bright and intelligent staff of officers. The Secretary's (Bro. Hubbell) books are a model of neatness, and he is very prompt in looking after the dues. They own their building, which is a two-story stone structure. The lower part being rented to other societies, brings them in a nice revenue. They have a bright future before them. At the close we were highly entertained at the fourth degree, which was much appreciated, and a very pleasant time was spent after the banquet in speeches and songs. The brethren of Marmora Lodge will ever have a warm place in my heart.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: Visited Prince Ed-

ward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, on November 1st with Bro. Burrows, and some other brethren from Belleville were present. The work was the raising of a candidate to the third degree, which was done by the W. M., Bro. Mulholland, in a very interesting and impressive manner. The distinct enunciation of the W. M. and his officers deserves the highest commendation. Notwithstanding the night was somewhat disagreeable, it raining hard some of the time, there was a good attendance. I found the Secretary, Bro. Smeaton, with a neat and well kept set of books, which speaks volumes for any Lodge to have a good Secretary, and found their dues well paid up. The brethren of Prince Edward Lodge will ever have a warm place in my heart for their kindness, and I gratefully acknowledge the kind reception and pleasant time spent around the festive board.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: Visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, accompanied by Bro. Smith, of Frank Lodge, and had a very pleasant time. They are a genial good lot of brethren. There was no work on, but the W. M., Bro. Pollard, opened and closed the Lodge in all the degrees, and I have no doubt from the way the W. M. and officers conducted the Lodge that they are well skilled. The Secretary's books are well kept, and I might say they have their dues right up to date, as they are only eight dollars in arrears, which speaks well for any Lodge. At the close we were entertained at an oyster supper, which was much enjoyed, followed by the usual toasts, and closed by singing the National Anthem.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48: Visited Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc, on December 27th, by special request, to install the officers. There was a large attendance, some of the brethren coming 50 miles. I have no doubt from the way the W. Master took hold of the work after being installed that he will make the right man in the right place, and the Wardens also appeared to be very zealous in Masonry. They had a lot of work on, but postponed it on account of the installation ceremony. I think Madoc Lodge has a bright future before them. I was accompanied by the W. M., Bro. Smith, of Stirling Lodge, also the S. W. of Stirling Lodge, and a number of brethren from Tweed Lodge. At the close Past Master Tumelty was presented with a fine Past Master's Jewel, which shows the esteem in which he is held by his breth-

ren. All enjoyed a pleasant time around the festive board.

Franck Lodge, No. 127: Visited Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, Dec. 21, and installed the officers. These was a good attendance, it being my own Lodge. Past Masters Bros. Row and Spencer from Trent Lodge. Past present. I can highly recommend the W. M., Bro. Peter McKee, and his officers as being zealous, enthusiastic Masons, and when the work presents itself they will be equal to the occasion. There were three petitions, one for affiliation and two for initiation. Prospects good. The fourth degree proved a most pleasant and happy close of the evening.

Star in East Lodge, No. 164: Visited Star in East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, on January 29th, 1901. Owing to sickness both Junior and Senior Wardens were absent, but the chairs were ably filled by the Past Masters. The work was the raising of a candidate, and I had much pleasure in observing the impressive manner the W. M., Bro. Christy, conferred this degree, it being his first work since installation. The Secretary, Bro. Cunningham, is a very painstaking officer, and is beginning the year with a very small aomunt of dues in arrears, which speaks volumes for any Lodge to have their dues well in hand. Prospects of the Lodge are very bright. A number of brethren from Picton were present, and all expressed themselves as being well pleased with the way the work had been done. At the close the usual repast was served, all separating in peace and harmony.

United Lodge, No. 29: Visited United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton, Feb. 1. There was a good attendance, being 53 members and 21 visitors from Colborne, Trent and Consecon Lodges. The work was the initiation of three candidates, which were conferred by the W. M., Bro. Marshall, in a commendable manner, being well and ably supported by his officers. The prospects of United Lodge are first-class, and I gratefully acknowledge the kind reception and pleasant time spent around the festive board.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123: Visited The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville, on February 7th, 1901, and was accorded a warm and hearty welcome. There was a good attendance notwithstanding it was a very cold and disagreeable night. The work was conferring

the first degree by the W. M., Bro. Clarke, in a very impressive manner, and he was well supported by his officers. The J. W. gave his lecture in a very impressive manner. Bro. Clarke and his officers are very enthusiastic in their work, and I think The Belleville Lodge may be proud to have such a staff of officers. The Secretary's (Bro. Adam) books are in good shape, and financially the Lodge is in good standing. Bro. Ponton gave a lecture on Masonry that was much appreciated. At the close the usual refreshments were provided, followed by a good program of toasts and songs.

Craig Lodge, No. 401: Visited Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, on February 5th, 1901. There was a fair attendance considering the weather, and a good deal of sickness at the time prevented a number from attending. There was no work except in the third degree, and as it did not materialize the only work done was the opening and closing the Lodge in all the degrees, which was done to my satisfaction by the W. M., Bro. Raven. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. The prospects of the Lodge are first-class. All were hospitably entertained at the close.

Trent Lodge, No. 38: Visited Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton, on February 26th. Had the pleasure of the company of R. W. Bro. Stafford, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Rose, Bros. Latta and Black, and several other brethren from Frank Lodge, and were cordially welcomed by a large membership and visiting brethren from other Lodges. The work was the initiation of a candidate by the W. M., Bro. Ingal, in a very exact and painstaking manner. The Wardens have their work well up and show a true Masonic spirit. The Junior Warden gave the lecture in the first degree very good, and was commended by the visiting brethren. At the close all were entertained at the Gilbert House, and after the good things were disposed of for the benefit of the inner man, about one hour was occupied in speeches, songs, etc. The prospects of Trent Lodge are first-class. Bro. Booth has his books in good shape and the dues are well paid up.

Moira Lodge, No. 11: Visited Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, on February 27th. This being my mother Lodge I was much pleased to see so many brethren present, and I had much pleasure in meeting R. W. Bro. Lattimer, P. D. D. G. M., as he is ever ready and willing

to aid in Masonic work. Will long remember gratefully the kind reception accorded to me. The work was one initiation. Had much pleasure in observing the impressive and correct manner which the W. M., Bro. Marsh, conferred this degree, who was well supported by his staff of officers. The Junior Warden, Bro. Elvins, gave his lecture in a way that was much appreciated by all present, and I would say second to none in the District. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Newton, keeps his books in excellent form and has his dues well collected. I congratulate the Lodge on having such an efficient staff of officers. At the close a very pleasant time was spent around the festive board. I consider in every way the prospects of Moira Lodge first-class.

Lake Lodge, No. 215: Visited Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg, March 4th. There was quite a good attendance considering the bad roads. R. W. Bro. Stafford accompanied me from this place. There were a number of visitors from Consecon and Picton. The work, one initiation and two raisings. The initiation ceremony was performed by the W. M. very creditably. W. Bro. Wright, of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, raised the first candidate in a very impressive manner. P. M. Bro. Johnson did the second (it being his son), I think to the satisfaction of all. The Secretary, Bro. Roblin, is well versed in his work, consequently his books are a model of neatness, and the dues are well collected and prospects good. At the close we were entertained at the fourth degree in a manner worthy of Lake Lodge.

Stirling Lodge, No. 169: Visited Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling, on March 7th. Was accompanied by a body guard to the tune of 13 brethren from Frank Lodge, which made the trip a very pleasant one. We were cordially received and highly entertained at the close with a fourth degree. There being no work, as they are very choice in selecting material, the W. M., Bro. Smith, opened and closed in the three degrees very accurately with his officers supporting him. Bro. Geo. Baily, the Secretary, has his books neatly and correctly kept, but I regret to say has too much in arrears for dues. Otherwise the Lodge is in good shape.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: Visited Colborne Lodge, No. 91, on March 29th. There was a good attendance and I was highly pleased the way the brethren received

me. There was work in all three degrees. The W. M., Bro. Brintnell exemplified the first degree in a very careful manner, the Past Master doing the second and third in splendid form. The Wardens and deputies also did their work well. The model Secretary was at his post with a neat set of books, and he knows all the ins and outs of the Lodge, being their scribe for some thirty years. Dues well collected and prospects bright.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17: Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, April 30th. There was a good attendance, who gave me a cordial welcome. The members of St. John's are very enthusiastic in their Masonic work and have plenty of it, there being four applications for membership, all of which were ballotted for and accepted, and two being present were initiated by the W. M., Bro. Hooey, in a very able manner, being well supported by his officers. The Secretary's (V. W. Bro. Buck) books are neatly and correctly kept and the dues are well collected, and the Lodge is in a good financial position and prospects good. At the close all were highly entertained at the fourth degree, and after the good things that had been prepared for the occasion had been partaken of for the benefit of the inner man, about one hour was spent in the usual way in speeches, songs, etc.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Visited Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon, May 3rd, accompanied by W. M. Ingal, P. M. Bro. Rowe, Bro. Bone and other brethren from Trent Lodge, No. 38, and their pleasant and genial company made the trip a pleasant one. There was a good attendance of members and a large number of visitors from Lake and Picton Lodges. Was much pleased to meet Past D. D. G. M's R. W. Bros. Thornton and Stafford. R. W. Bro. Thornton met me at the Lodge, but on account of ill-health I regret to say was unable to attend the meeting. The work was the passing of a candidate, which was done by the W. Master, Bro. Sprung, in a very impressive manner, the Wardens and other officers having their work well up. The Secretary and Treasurer's books are well and correctly kept, their dues well paid up, and their Lodge is in a good financial condition. At the close all enjoyed the banquet, followed by the usual toasts, etc.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283: Visited Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, May 8th, and last but not least I had one of the most pleasant evenings in connection with my

official work. There was a good attendance of its members and also a large number of visitors. R. W. Bros. Webster, McGinnis, Pringle and Lattimer being present made it very pleasant for me. The work was the passing of a candidate, which was done by the W. Master, Bro. F. Davey Diamond, in a correct and impressive manner, being well supported by a No. 1 staff of officers. I had on some of my visits suggested that a candidate should be thoroughly posted before being advanced, and I was much pleased when this candidate was presented to the Wardens to see that he answered every question so readily. It was a proof to me that the officers of Eureka Lodge do their work thoroughly. R. W. Bro. Webster has been Treasurer for many years, and his books are correct and will always balance. Tre Secretary. Bro. W. Jeffers Diamond, has an especially well and neatly kept set of books. The finances are well and carefully looked after and the prospects good. I was much pleased with my visit, the work done, and the hospitality of the brethren at the close.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

N. A. BONESTEEL, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No 13, from June 21th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'rd E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
401	Craig	Deseronto	53	1		3	4								2	11	13	17	$52 00	13	44 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good.	Yes	$800 00
123	The Belville	Belleville	164	14		8	12	10		1		6	7		2	13	15	33	23 50	15	196 00	June, 1900	Good	Good.	Yes	4000 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	59	4	1	4	3	2						1	1	10	11	20	30 00	5	25 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good.	Yes	2000 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	99	9	2	6	3	2	3				11		2	11	13	20	54 00	25	200 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good.	Yes	2000 00
63	Stirling	Stirling	58	5	6	3	2	1							2	13	15	18		38	226 00	June, 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	62	4		4	4	4	1	1			2		1	14	15	20	35 00	27	72 50	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
283	Eureka	Belleville	63	4		4	3	2	1						1	10	11	16	5 00	10	37 50	Dec., 1900	Good	Bright	Yes	Joint.
50	Consecon	Consecon	38	2		2	2	1					2			13	13	12		18	61 00	Dec., 1900	Fair	Fair.	Yes	300 00
38	Trent	Trenton	82	1		3	1	2	5			2			1	13	16	18	25 00	3	51 00	June, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
215	Lake	Roblin Mills	62	2		3	1	2	5			2		1	1	12	13	20	100 00	10	90 00	June, 1901	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
161	Star in East	Wellington	60			3	1	2	4						1	13	14	24		11	53 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Fair.	Yes	1000 00
127	Franck	Frankford	69	2		3	1	2	2			1			1	12	13	24	15 00	15	50 00	June, 1901	Very good	Fair	Yes	600 00
20	United	Brighton	89	11		1	11	10	10				1			12	12	25		3	15 35	Dec., 1900	Good	Bright	Yes	700 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	89	7		2	4	5	5	2		1			1	12	13	26	92 00	11	44 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	1050 00
18	Pr. Edward	Hallston	187	12			9	8	6	1	2	2				14	16	36	75 00	41	160 00	Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00
11	Moira	Belleville	170	8			10	9	11	1	2	1			2	13	15	40	10 00	40	165 00	June, 1900	Good	Bright	Yes	6000 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	72	7		1	6	5	5	1					1	14	15	20					Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

After a second year as District Deputy Grand Master of Frontenac District, No. 14, I once more present my report of the work of the District, and in doing so congratulate the Lodges upon marked improvement, greater care being considered necessary in the placing of brethren in office and also in the proper exemplification of the work.

Immediately after my election I issued the following circular to the Lodges :

Frontenac District, No. 14, having extended to me the honor of presiding over the District for a second term, and remembering the kindness shown me by every member of the craft in the District during my past year of service, I enter upon my duties with the hope that our Order may advance and the principles be more strongly inculated and every brother be a living witness of the enobing character of our ancient and honorable instittntion.

I would urge the greatest forbearance with those who from unforseen circumstances are unable to keep up their dues, while at the same time would express the hope that the brethren see the importance of regularly meeting their obligatians to the Craft and Lodge.

Further, would solicit yonr assistance in every manner possible toward bringing into the fold those who from various causes withdrew from active membership, and thus lessen the great number of unaffiliates in the District.

Fór the fold is broad, and the door is love :
Let it swing softly, speaking words from above,
That a man should live by the rule of the square,
For a brother has need of a loved brother's care.

Trusting that the year may be prolific of much good, and that I may have the pleasure of meeting every brother in the District.

I am, sincerely and fraternally yours,

A. SHAW, D. D. G. M.

Every Lodge in the District has been once, and in many cases oftener, officially visited by me during the year, and in all cases the greatest love and loyalty was shown to the Grand Lodge. The work of the officers was performed in a very satisfactory manner, attendance good, in many cases men driving from ten to fifteen miles to reach their Lodge.

A pleasing feature is that "misunderstanding" amongst the brethren of Lodges seems to be a forgotten word, not one case of want of harmony has come to my notice during the two years. This I attribute to the efficient manner in which the Masters rule the affairs of their Lodges, and while in the Craft there may be times when brethren feel that they are not properly treated by their Lodges, I would hope that at such times the Lodge, which is greater than any member, would show forth the great truth of the Order, "Brotherly Love," and thereby strengthen the links that bind all in one great strong hedpful chain.

The progress of the Craft has not been as marked this year as during the past year, yet there has been a steady increase, and the indications look favorably for the future.

THE WORK.

During the last year I held a Lodge of Instruction, in which nearly every Lodge in the District took some part. This year I felt that I could not, in justice to the city Lodges, ask for another such gathering, but being desirous of having the city Lodges meet together, this was accomplished, and on the evening of St. John the Baptist Day, 24th June, a meeting of the three Lodges took place for the exemplification of the third degree. The program I arranged was accepted and the evening found the Lodge-room filled with the brethren of the city and many visitors, conspicuous among such were the number of military brethren from the camp held near the city. W. Bro. Jas. A. Minnes, Master of The Ancient St. John's, assisted by the officers of Minden, opened the Lodge in the first degree. W. Bro. Wm. Mundell, Master of Minden, assisted by officers of Cataraqui, opened the second, and W. Bro. Geo. McNamee, Master of Cataraqui, assisted by officers of The Ancient St. John's, opened in the third degree. The work of raising in the third was divided into three parts, the Masters and officers of each Lodge taking some part, but in no respect as a separate Lodge, but rather as an undivided whole. The closing of the Lodge in the several degrees was done with the three Masters filling the three principal chairs. The Board of Trial for the examination of a visitor proved a great success, R. W.

Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, R. W. Bro. Robert Hendry and V. W. Bro. John Nicolle composing such, while V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns consented to be the visitor and show the brethren how little a Mason may know in order to gain admission to a Lodge, so long as he has the consciousness that he is a Mason and can impress such upon the Board of Examiners. During the work the fullest liberty was accorded to every Mason present, visitors as well as members, to criticise the work. Such was fully indulged in, for in no respect could a word or act be omitted or added to without such coming under the fire of the critic. The evening was one of the most pleasant and instructive ever held in the city.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were requested and granted: To attend Divine service clothed as Masons, Prince Arthur, No. 228, September 9th; Leeds, No. 201, Westport, No. 441, and Lorne, No. 404, on June 23rd; Prince of Wales, No. 146, Newburg, to install officers January 2nd; Leeds, No. 201, Gananoque, to install officers on January 29th; Simpson, No. 157, to elect officers on June 11th.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, was visited by me on December 6. The meeting was called for election of officers. There was a very large attendance, a Past Grand Master, five other past grand officers and twelve past masters being among those present. The election of officers was favorable, the Mayor of the city, James A. Minnes, being elected Worshipful Master. Having on a previous occasion seen the work performed by W. Master John M. Shaw, was satisfied to have the Lodge opened and closed in the several degrees. While this Lodge has many men of rank enrolled upon its register, yet this does not inspire many of those who have received the highest honor in the gift of the brethren to give faithful attention to the meetings, for if there is anything in Masonry that is good those who have been honored by it should be zealous in promoting it. There are a few faithful Past Masters who can always be relied upon. On May 2nd the visit of the Deupty Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, was expected. His absence through illness was much regretted. This even-

ing the work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. James A. Minnes and the newly installed officers in a correct and impressive manner.,

Cataraqui, No. 92, Kingston: There was a large attendance on the evening of my official visit, October 10th. A sadness was cast over the proceedings by an announcement being made that during the afternoon the W. Master, Bro. John Gordon, had met with a serious accident, which prevented his being present. R. W. Bro. Hendry, one of the veterans of Masonry in this jruisdiction, not only because of his long standing but also because of his incessant labors in the interest of the Craft, accepted the charge of the Lodge and conferred the third degree. He may have used his own phraseology, but such was strictly in accord with the spirit of the work, and given in a most impressive manner. This Lodge continues to advance both numerically and financially, ten new members being brought in this year and five accepted, with six more applications to be read at the next meeting. I also had the pleasure of seeing the new officers perform the work in a very creditable manner on the 6th of July, 1901.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, was visited Dec. 4. There was no work on the summons, but the past record of the working of the Lodge, under the able management of V. W. Bro. J. Nicolle and his staff of officers, was so well known that it did not require to be again exemplified. The Lodge opened in the three degrees in their usual manner. The election of officers also took place, resulting in the choice of brethren who will ably maintain the position the Lodge has earned in the past. The present officers showed ability in the work on the evening of the Lodge of Instruction. The greatest unanimity exists among the three Lodges, meeting in the same room, one of the finest in the jurisdiction, and at each of their meetings are found visitors from the sister Lodges.

On St. John the Evangelist day I had the pleasure of installing the officers of The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, at high noon, and Cataraqui, No. 92, in the evening, both Lodges closing their meetings for the year and century with the singing of the Doxology. The annual dinner of The Ancient St. John's was, in accordance with their by-laws, held that evening, and was in every way a great success.

Union, No. 9, Napanee, was visited on November 30th. The W. M., Bro. W. S. Herrington, has been Master of this Lodge for the past four years. His ability to govern, power of expression and faculty of imparting knowledge of the work has influenced the Lodge in retaining him as Master. W. Bro. Herrington knows the work and how to tell it, and was ably supported by the officers in exemplification of the work in the third degree, in which different Past Masters assisted. This Lodge has been doing good work and has many distinguished brethren among its members.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, was on March 1st visited. Found a good attendance. There was no work, but the W. M., Bro. Thomas H. Watson, opened the Lodge in the three degrees and showed ability in the work. This Lodge has material coming forward which will insure its well being for some time to come, besides having R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman and other Past Masters, who give much attention to the work. The summons for first February has as business "A lecture; Bring a Lady." I learned that this meant that as there was no work the Lodge adjourned to the town hall, where Bro. Rev. C. Adams gave a lecture on "His Trip to Europe." Friends of the brethren were present. This, I find, has been the practice of this Lodge during the year. On December 30th the same rev. brother delivered a lecture to the Lodge in their room. The Secretary of this Lodge has held his office longer than any brother in the District, being Secretary for over thirty-two years, keeping so well informed that in Masonic matters he is looked upon as an authority.

Maple Leaf, No. 119, Bath, was visited on 3rd December. There was no work, but the W. M., Bro. Rev. W. J. Saunders, D. C. L., has already earned his spurs for ability to work and govern his Lodge. The opening in the three degrees was in good order. There was only two members in arrears for one year, and altogether the Lodge has in it elements to command the respect of the community and reflect credit upon the Craft. The election of officers took place, Bro. John A. M. Redden being elected Master. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. F. W. Armstrong, has been a tower of strength to the Lodge.

Prince of Wales, No. 146, Newburg, was visited December 5th. This Lodge is handicapped in membership. The village has an excellent high school. Many

young men of the surrounding country have had their ambitions aroused, but while becoming members of this Lodge they soon seek for larger fields, where their ability has higher scope. The teachers of this high school are active workers in the interest of the Craft, and their places are seldom vacant at the regular meetings. R. W. Bros. George Anson Aylesworth and Robt. Longmore, with Past Masters D. A. Nesbit, B. A., M. J. Beeman, M. A., and T. M. York, are ever present to assist in the work. W Bro. R. Guy and officers opened the Lodge in the three degrees. The election of officers resulted in the selection of Bro. Percy W. Brown as Worshipful Master.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro, was visited 31st January. The W. Master, Bro. R. G. Murphy, was unable to be present through illness. The Lodge was presided over by R. W. Bro. L. S. Lewis, who opened in the three degrees. He was well sustained by his officers as well as by many Past Masters. The Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. J. H. Butler, was not present owing to the death of his wife. The Lodge not only passed the vote of sympathy, but the Masons for many miles attended the funeral as a body of mourners. Upon their return went to the Lodge, appointed a committee to convey to their brother their very sincere sympathy. In times like this the Mason's love will shine as well from heart as word.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: This Lodge I enjoyed visiting at different times, but officially on January 29th, when I found about sixty brethren present. The meeting was called for the installation of officers, which duty was performed by me with much pleasure, as I felt that in installing the Master-elect, Bro. F. J. Skinner, I was placing one in the ancient chair of King Solomon who would make his mark in Masonry, being gifted with courtesy and discretion and also being easy and ready in address. This Lodge has been doing good work, some of the best men of Gananoque have been seeking admission and have gained it. The W. Master is well sustained by a very efficient Secretary, Bro. W. Y. Boyd, and many esteemed Past Masters. Never has Masonry had brighter prospects in this town than at the present. Past Masters Fales, Watt and Johnston have been present at each of my visits, while an aged brother who lives about ten miles from the Lodge has not missed a meeting during the year.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island, was visited on the 4th of March. The brethren residing on the island were all present. I had R. W. Bro. R. Hendry, V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns and Bro. B. Silver go with me from the the city. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Kennedy, with his officers opened the Lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, showing that while the Lodge has not many to draw from they have not forgotten the science of the Craft. This Lodge has always had sufficient members to carry on the work. The island is small, and during the year V. W. Bro. A. Malone, who was a strong supporter of the Lodge, removed to Tononto, yet the members are determined to retain their charter and keep the Lodge on the island.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: On the evening of my official visit I drove the twelve miles through a very severe snow storm, yet found others who, expecting an officer of the Grand Lodge, drove nearly as far through almost impassable roads. The candidate for advancement, owing to the storm, failed to make an appearance, so was satisfied with having the W. M., Bro. R. L. Glibert, open the Lodge in the several degrees. W. Bro. Gilbert is serving his second term, and during my first year I had the opportunity of seeing that he was well able to perform the work. The Secretary, Bro. Robert Bennett, lives in the village, and is therefore always available. The treasurer, Bro. Isaac F. Aylsworth, has been honored as the custodian of the funds for thirty continuous years.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville, was visited on 3rd January. Seventeen were present, which was ten more than greeted me on my previous visit. The singular feature is that only one member resides in the village. The others range from four to fifteen miles from the Lodge, and the officers grow despondent even while they put up a strong fight to retain their charter. W. Bro. Dr. A. B. Carscallen, Past Master, has been a great support to the Lodge, while others old in years have still the desire to continue the battle. The building is the property of the Lodge and free from all incumbrance.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth, was visited 4th January. The newly installed Master, W. Bro. J. M. Smith, and officers opened the lodge in the three degrees, showing their skill in the work. The members are active, zealous Masons, and belong to the best business

and professional interests of the town, also many of the leading yeomen of the locality give their best attention to the Masonic work. After the installation of officers, 27th December, the members held an "At Home" in the Lodge-room, to which the brethren invited their lady and gentlemen friends.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport, was visited 1st February. In spite of la grippe, which was almost an epidemic, there was a good attendance. W. M., Bro. Robert Flegg, with his officers conferred the third degree. In the examination of candidate for raising he was required to repeat his obligation, the custom of this Lodge being to require candidates to know the obligations in the several degrees as well as the general work. The degree was conferred in a perfect manner, the W. M. taking great pride in the Lodge and the manner of the work. He is ably assisted by his officers and Past Master J. R. Gorrell. W. Bro. R. Flegg learning that the Past Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, was nearing his golden wedding day, undertook to procure the aged brother some testimonial, and had the pleasure of presenting him with a purse containing $125.00 in gold from the Masons of that section. "Kindness has resistless charms." The home of the aged couple after the Masons left shone with a brightness made brighter by the love that prompted the gift. Such actions count in the eternities.

I can only speak well of the Secretaries of the various Lodges. They seem to understand human nature and are ready to assist in an ywork that lightens the burden of the grand office.

Life fulfills its mission and year after year our annals tell the names of those whose work is done. The chronicler of time, "our hearts," like muffled drums are beating funeral marches to the grave. His District mourns the loss of many faithful ones to whom "well done" was often said and will be echoed in the great hereafter. The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Elysian, No. 212, Minden, No. 253, have each bade a last farewell to two from among their ranks.

The instructions in the circular letter from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, R. B. Hungerford, dated 1st September, have been carefully brought before the Lodges and have had the effect of stimulating the officers in their work, as well as strengthening the harmony so desirable among the Lodges.

Were I to be the custodian of my own time I would desire nothing better than to be the means of building up life in its truest sense at the close of the last century and strengthening such life in the beginning of the twentieth century. If I have in any respect succeeded in those desires, then my term of office under the Grand Lodge of Canada during the past two years as District Deputy Grand Master will be remembered only by purposes made stronger because of such success. Certainly the Worshipful Masters, officers and brethren of every Lodge in the District placed in my pathway only that which brought gladness. Their greetings were joyous, and through this report I wish to express my thanks, and while my work as D. D. G. M. now terminates I trust the pleasant relationship now existing may continue and grow stronger.

In closing I desire to say, after my two years' service in one of the most important departments of Grand Lodge, having the oversight of the work, cheering Lodges which are depressed and helping in so many ways to sustain the character of, and interest among, the rank and file of the great body, that the Grand Lodge should not allow the Lodges to pay the expenses of their officer, but place each year in the estimates a sum sufficient to meet the expenses, fixed by mileage and per diem allowance. This I feel certain would be appreciated by those who in future will hold this important office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. SHAW, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No 14, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all Mem.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degree's conf'rd. E. A.	Degree's conf'rd. F. C.	Degree's conf'rd. M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
3	The A St. Jn.	Kingston	140	...	5	2	2	2	...	...	5	1	...	2	11	2	13	18	$95 00	3	$ 45 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	$867 00
9	Union	Napanee	8	4	...	3	7	7	5	...	..	2	...	...	13	...	13	...	15 00	25	193 00	Dec., 1900 .	Good	Bright	Yes	800 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	128	10	...	10	10	10	...	...	2	1	...	...	12	8	20	28	40 00	8	70 00	Dec., 1900...	Excell'nt	V'ry good	Yes	800 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith..	59	3	...	1	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	7	15	12 00	29	138 00	Dec., 190 ...	Good	All right	No	
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	27	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	9	...	9	9		7	25 00	June, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
146	Pr. of Wales	Newbur.h ...	45	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	9	70 00	6	22 00	Dec., 1900...	Solvent	Fair	Yes	500 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	54	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	18	20 00	16	76 00	June, 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
201	Lee Is.	Gananoque...	107	11	...	12	9	9	1	...	2	...	...	...	12	3	15	34		27	111 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island.	28	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	4	..	2	5	...	5	8	...	8	24 00	June, 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	
228	Pr. Arthur	Odessa	34	3	..	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	12	7 00	2		June, 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	
253	Minden	Kingston ...	74	...	2	2	2	3	2	1	...	5	...	2	13	...	13	20	10 00	6	46 00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	570 00
299	Victoria	Centreville	33	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	9		30	129 00	Dec. 1900...	Good	Notbri'gt	No	500 00
404	Lor e	Tamworth	36	..	5	...	...	...	...	1	6	..	...	...	10	1	11	13		8	68 00	June, 1901...	Fair	Fair	Yes	150 00
441	Westport	Westport	30	..	1	3	3	3	...	...	3	1	...	...	13	...	13	15				Dec., 1900..	V'ry good	Good	Yes	200 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in the 15th St. Lawrence District, it is with pleasure that I look back upon the occasions which gave opportunity for the report and the many pleasant acquaintances formed at such times.

On assuming the office and looking over the field to lay out my work and fix my visits, I found that a large proportion of the Lodges in the District elect officers in December, and the officers then in the chairs had been inspected by my immediate predecessor. Not wishing to go over the same ground, I found it necessary to do all of my visitation after December. The idea was impressed upon my mind that the terms of the officers in all subordinate Lodges should begin in June to permit the District Deputy Grand Master the full period for visiting.

Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work of our beautiful ritual is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and in my visits endeavored to instruct as far as my knowledge would permit. This, I found was most acceptable to the brethren. I corrected whenever I found it necessary and complimented only where it was deserved.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

With a very few exceptions I found the work correctly and impressively done throughout the District. I was pleased to notice in very many of the smaller Lodges of the District that the work was on the whole about as well done as in the larger Lodges.

The Lodges in the District, with one or two exceptions, I found provided with officers well-skilled and enthusiastic, and in those exceptional cases I hope for better days to dawn upon them soon.

The Secretaries, on the whole, are very efficient.

Nothing tends more to the success of any institution than the possession of an efficient Secretary.

The following Lodges have submitted changes in their By-laws: Cornwall, No. 125, and Lancaster, No. 207; which were duly forwarded to the Grand Master for approval.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted a number of dispensations during the year, chiefly for attendance at Divine worship in regalia, returns respecting which have been made to the Grand Secretary.

THE DEPARTED.

I will here give the names of our departed brethren, which were reported to me, although I see by the summarized reports from the Lodges that the greater number have not been reported: Bro. E. J. McEwan and Bro. F. T. Munro, Maxville Lodge, No. 418; R. W. Bro. A. F. Milliken and W. Bro. E. A. Graveley, M. D., Cornwall Lodge, No. 125; V. W. Bro. John Carruthers and W. Bro. Nesfield Ward, Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott.

VISITS.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: I visited these two Lodges at a joint meeting on the evening of May 13th. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and two candidates passed, the officers of each Lodge taking a candidate in hand, and the work was done to my entire satisfaction. The Secretaries keep model books and the dues are exceptionally well paid up, thanks to their attention to that important detail. After labor we adjourned to the banquet room and enjoyed ourselves as only Masons can, toast, speech and song most pleasantly passing until the J. W.'s toast sent us "wandering out into the night." There were seventy-five brethren present, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Sussex and Salem Lodges fully sustained their already high reputation for unbounded hospitality.

True Britons' Lodge, No. 14, Perth: Visited this Lodge on the evening of May 6th at a regular meeting. A good attendance of members cordially welcomed us. This is one of the good Lodges in the District. Bro. James M. Balderson, the W. M., is full of enthusiasm for

Masonry, and, though a young Mason, is so well skilled that the best in the District may look to their laurels. He was ably supported by his Wardens and Deacons. The second degree was conferred in an excellent manner. The Secretary, Bro. W. A. Moore, is a painstaking and efficient officer. The attendance of Past Masters is good, and they take a healthy interest in the working of the Lodge, a circumstance which augurs well for its future.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: Visited at a regular meeting on May 31st, and met a large representation of the Lodge. About a dozen brethren from Merrickville Lodge came over for the evening, among whom was R. W. Bro. Watchorn, who so creditably filled the position of D. D. G. M. last year. The members here are a most enthusiastic lot of Masons. They have a very fine Lodge-room and it is well furnished and tastefully decorated. The work, an initiation, was performed in a most charming manner by W. Bro. Bennett. His support from his officers was absolutely faultless. I have never heard the lecture from the South so impressively given as on that occasion when Bro. Geo. W. Fluker did himself and the Lodge "proud." Last comes the indefatigable Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, whose books demonstrate the care and time devoted to his office. To the deep interest which he takes in the Lodge's welfare can be attributed, to a large extent, its prosperity and the enthusiasm of its members. R. W. Bro. Houston delivered the charge as I never heard it given before, and to hear it, if nothing more, was well worth the visit to St. Francis. A very pleasing feature was the musical service during the initiation and the closing of the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned from labor to refreshment in their fine banquet hall and enjoyed a sumptuous repast. Two or three hours were spent in that social and fraternal intercourse, interspersed with speech and song, which Masons so thoroughly know how to enjoy and appreciate. I shall remember with pleasure my visit to St. Francis, No. 24, and trust I shall again meet with them, for a heartier Masonic greeting would be difficult to get.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: My visit to this Lodge was made May 7th at an emergency meeting, at which a large number of brethren were present.

Here I had the assistance of R. W. Bro. O. Bascom, who takes a lively interest in the welfare of the Lodge. The work, as exemplified by W. Bro. Saunders and his officers was not by any means up to the standard. I must, however, refer to the excellent work of the Secretary, Bro. W. L. Phelps, whose books are beautifully kept. The finances are reported to me as being in good shape, and prospects are good.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: I visited this Lodge officially on April 30th. There being no candidate on hand, the W. M. and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, From what I saw I am satisfied this Lodge has officers well able to work the three degrees perfectly. The members are a first-class lot of brethren and well calculated to keep up a thriving and good Lodge. The books are kept in a neat and methodical manner, and there is nothing about the Lodge calling for improvement. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned to the banqueting hall, and a more enjoyable evening I have seldom experienced. The hospitality of No. 55 is generous, and in no Lodge do visitors feel more at home. Everything I had a right to expect I received, and I enjoyed every minute I was with my brethren at Merrickville.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: May 15th, 1901, was the date of my official visit to Rising Sun Lodge. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was done by W. Bro. Purvis and his officers in such a manner as to be above criticism. The opening and closing in the several degrees was equally well done. I have never seen the work done better anywhere than in this Lodge. I cannot close my report without thanking the W. M., officers and members of Rising Sun Lodge for their uniform courtesy and kindness during my official career.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: I visited this Lodge on May 8th and was met at the station and entertained throughout the day by W. Bro. H. F. Deas, to whom I am indebted for many favors in the past. The Lodge is in a most prosperous condition and has one of the finest Lodge-rooms in the District. The happy position enjoyed by Central Lodge may, in a great measure, be ascribed to the indefatigable exertions of V. W. Bro. Harry H. Wells, the esteemed Secretary, whose efforts are fully appreciated by the officers and members

of the Lodge, who are well aware of the fact that they possess in the brother referred to a "gem of the purest water." The Lodge is well ruled over by W. Bro. J. A. Fleming, who takes a great interest in his work, and is nobly assisted by his officers. I had the pleasure of seeing their work in the second degree. The work was performed correctly and impressively and delighted myself and the large number present. We sat down to an elaborate banquet, after which an excellent program of speeches and singing was gone through. I was delighted with my reception and went home satisfied with the courtesy and hospitality I had received.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: I visited this Lodge on April 2nd, and received a hearty and fraternal welcome from the brethren. There was an attendance of thirty-nine, including seven visitors. Two candidates were raised by W. Bro. McHaffie and his officers in a manner which did them credit and disarmed criticism. All the officers were well up in their parts, while the W. Master was faultless. I consider this is one of the best Lodges in the District. The Secretary, W. Bro. Ridley, takes a great interest in the Lodge, of which he is an old and respected member. I found his books perfection itself. Considering the number of active young men who belong to this Lodge, and who must in the near future assist in its government, and that it has such an excellent body of Past Masters, composed of men like W. Bro. Hamilton Williams, Pool, Fraid, Ridley, Bisset and others, it cannot but be expected that this Lodge will maintain a high degree of excellence. The Lodge is, I am happy to say, in a good position financially, having quite a credit with its banker. The brethren were kind enough to entertain me to an excellent spread in their refreshment room, where everyone was made at home and happy. Everything connected with my visit to No. 125, Cornwall, was pleasureable in the highest degree.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited this Lodge on May 3rd at a regular meeting and was met at the station and driven to the Lodge-room by W. Bro. Kennedy. This Lodge is taking on new life since the brethren have been given to understand that it would not be in the interests of Masonry to open a new Lodge at North Wliliamsburg, and judging from the harmony which now exists, will continue to prosper. Bro. War-

ren is Secretary and shows a very accurately kept set of books. The work, which was a passing, was well done. The officers are well skilled in the work. W. Bro. Pruner deserves great praise for the good work he is doing at present, as in the past, for the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed we wended our way to the hotel of Bro. McDonald, where an excellent spread was laid out, which all did justice to, and the way I was treated will cause me to ever remember with kindness the brethren of Excelsior Lodge.

Friendly Brothers, No. 143, Iroquois: In company with W. Bros. Deas and Brouse, of Central Lodge, Prescott, I visited this Lodge on the evening of May 1st. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees and a raising was of a very ordinary nature. The Secretary, I am pleased to say, keeps the books somewhat above the average. The Lodge is prospering and increasing largely in membership. While I am pleased that this should be the case, still, I view with apprehension a very rapid increase in the membership of a Lodge, fearing the members may possibly sacrifice quality to quantity in their efforts to make their Lodge a success. I am sure the officers and brethren of Friendly Brothers would be greatly benefited if they would visit in a body, Central Lodge, Prescott, and learn how the work of a Lodge should be done.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: I visited this, my home Lodge, on Wednesday evening, June 5, at a regular meeting. The work of the evening was two initiations. The W. M. did his work very well, but his Wardens showed great lack of knowledge. In fact, they could hardly get through with their parts. The Inner Guard was first-class; the appointed officers were nearly all absent, and of course those filling the offices had not the experience necessary for proper assistance to the W. M. The Secretary's books are well kept. The finances of the Lodge are good, but would be much better if the dues were more promptly paid. I am grieved that the work of the Lodge should have fallen from the position of one of the best in the District to that of a very poor fourth rate in the short space of two or three years.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited this Lodge on April 29th at a regular meeting and found a goodly number of members present, as well as several brethren from Avonmore. I had the pleasure

of renewing my acquaintance with V. W. Bro. Jas. G. Gillespie, the efficient Secretary, of many years standing. I find a very good set of officers in charge here, and W. Bro. George Elliot is a capable and painstaking Master, and the best efforts are put forth for the welfare of the Lodge. The work of the evening was that of the second degree, in which the lodge did themselves proud. A few points of instruction, however, were necessary to insure uniformity, and the same were very agreeably received by the members. The brethren are talking of moving into new quarters shortly, and I am glad to hear it, as the present Lodge-room is shabby indeed.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: See Sussex, No. 5.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: I visited this Lodge at a special meeting on the evening of May 14th. There being no candidate, I authorized the W. M. to perform the ceremony of initiation. W. Bro. Stephens volunteered for the purpose. I regret to say that I was disappointed in the work from the beginning to the end, as I expected to see it perfection itself, as mostly all the summonses I received from Harmony during the year informed me that they were holding a Lodge of Instruction, and naturally I came to the conclusion that the officers must have had an off night.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited at a regular meeting March 5th, twenty-three being present, including a number of visitors. The Lodge-room is a disgrace to the Craft, and I was much surprised that the brethren were willing to spend twelve evenings in the year in such shabby quarters. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate passed, all of which was very poorly done. I suggested that the officers in a body visit other Lodges and see for themselves how the work should be put on. If the officers are not what they should be in working the first three degrees, they are not deficient in working the fourth, as it was worked to perfection, and the kindness and courtesy of all the members was everything that could be desired.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: I visited this Lodge on February 12th at a regular meeting. Owing to the night being stormy the attendance at the Lodge was very small. I regretted that W. Bro. Sproule was not able to be present. The I. P. M., W. Bro. T. W. Monroe, occupied the chair and opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees and initiated a candidate in

a very fair manner. The officers were not very well up in their work. I regret to say that owing in a measure to internal dissensions, and loss of some of the brightest members by demitting, there is not that harmony which should exist among the brethren.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: Visited at a regular meeting February 6th. My reception in this Lodge was very enthusiastic, the brethren having turned out in goodly numbers to do me honor. I found W. Bro. John Simpson in the East, and to those who know him it will be unnecessary to state that his presence is a guarantee of excellence in the rendition of our work. I regret that his support was not up to the mark, the Wardens being very deficient. The Lodge is to be congratulated in having such an efficient Secretary in the person of W. Bro. Tiffany. His books are beautifully kept. The work of the evening was opening and closing in the three degrees, and a candidate initiated. The Lodge-room is not what it should be, but the officers and members promised to have it in better shape by the time my successor makes his visit. This Lodge, being in the County of Glengarry, of course there was a banquet, which was laid at the Grand Union Hotel, and I assure you it was first-class in every respect. Speech followed speech and found willing listeners, and I am afraid to say when we parted. I wish to bear witness to my obligation to the brethren of Alexandria for exemplifying all the characteristics of good, wholesouled, genial Masonry for the edification and enjoyment of the representative of the Grand Master.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude for the honor done me in July last. I have tried to prove that the confidence of my brethren was not misplaced by doing everything in my power to promote the success of the Craft in our District. All my services have been more than repaid by the hospitality extended me on every occasion, and I lay down the office with mingled feelings of gladness and sorrow. I am glad indeed to be relieved of a responsibility so burdensome, but I am sorry to part, officially, with my brethren, and to my successor I hand over the sacred trust given me a year ago, feeling sure that the generous support given me will be accorded to him by the Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ANGUS D. CAMERON, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership			Degree's conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D	Suspensions, other cases.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
5	Sussex.... ..	Brockville	146	...	...	2	2	2	3	...	2	2	...	1	14	3	17		$74 40			Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	B. of trus
14	True Brit's	Perth.....	96	6	...	7	7	5	1	...	.	...	...	2	12	5	17	17	32 00	27	$ 275 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	$ 700 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls...	109	4	...	3	3	3	4	...	1	...	...	2	12	...	12	25	130 00	5	42 50	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	No	500 00
28	Mt. Zion ...	Kemptville	34	4	...	2	2	2	6	...	3	1	...	...	8	4	12	10		3	12 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
55	Merrick'lle	Merrickville	60	...	...	4	4	3	1	...	3	1	...	1	14	1	15	15	10 00			Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
74	St. James...	Bethel	48	4	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	..	10	15	15 00	13	45 50	June, 1900...	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00
85	Rising Sun	Athens	68	...	...	4	5	4	...	2	3	1	...	2	13	1	14	20		12	53 60	June, 1900..	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	93	4	...	4	3	2	4	...	1	1	...	2	12	5	17	19	33 00	21	75 75	June, 1901..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	750 00
125	Cornwall...	Cornwall	79	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	14	3	17	20	30 00	1	8 75	Dec., 1900..	V'ry good	V'ry good	Yes	800 00
142	Excelsior ..	Morrisburg.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
143	Friendly B	Iroquois.....	86	8	...	8	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	9	23	19	15 00	23	139 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
207	Lancaster..	Lancas er	56	6	...	5	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	9	5	14	13	12 00	29	107 30	June, 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
242	Macoy	Mallorytown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
256	Farran'sP't	Farren's Point.	66	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	10	...	10	10		13	72 00	June, 1901..	Good	Ordinary	Yes	1000 00
320	Chest'r'ille	Chesterville	89	...	11	4	4	4	...	...	2	9	...	...	13	...	13	20	10 00	28	63 50	Jan., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
368	Salem.....	Brockville	92	2	...	3	4	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	14	...	14	22	18 60	22	274 00	June, 1901...	Fair	Fair	Yes	held by T
370	Harmony ..	Delta.....	63	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	1	11	1	12	13		6	29 00	Dec., 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	1800 00
383	Henderson	Winchester.....	52	2	...	6	6	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	9	4	13	14				Dec., 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	
387	Lansd'wne	Landsdowne ...	20	2	...	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11	8	2 00	3	10 00	June, 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	None.
389	Crystal F'n	North Augusta....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
416	Lyn	Lyn	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	12	..	12	14	5 00	7	52 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Improv'g	Yes	350 00
418	Maxwell	Maxwell	59	6	...	5	5	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	7	2	9	16		17	70 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
439	Alexandria	Alexandria.....	41	5	...	4	5	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	14	4	18	11		16	175 27	June, 1900..	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontaro :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

In pursuance of the usual requirements of retiring D. D. G. M's, I have much pleasure in hereby presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 16, for the past Masonic year.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Rev. T.Garrett, B. A., of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Hugh H. Cairns, of Builders Lodge, No. 177, District Secretary, and to both of these brethren I am indebted for the kindly, courteous and efficient manner in which they have performed the several duties allotted to their respective offices.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District, and without any exception have been received in the most courteous and kindly manner by the brethren. I am pleased to be able to state that Masonry is exemplified, not only in the performance of the work, but also in the true spirit of brotherly love, so that words of commendation, instead of severe or adverse criticism was my invariable rule.

I will not here attempt to describe the number of enjoyable banquets in which I have had the pleasure of participating after the work of the Lodge was concluded. With only one exception I have been tendered the hospitality of the brethren, and that virtue which Masons know so well how to exemplify did not suffer at the hands of the Craft in the Ottawa District.

I advocate the fourth degree. Masonry, aside from its many other good and excellent qualities is paramount a social organization, not simply an Order with charitable purposes, although charity is its corner stone, but charity in its very broadest sense which means the sacred brotherhood of man, and I know of no other method whereby the true Masonic spirit of brotherly love can be better exemplified than around the social board, "For to break bread was, among our Hebrew brethren, a pledge of peculiar and brotherly affection."

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To conform with the desire of Grand Lodge I decided to hold a Lodge of Instruction. Accordingly on the 29th and 30th of November, 1900, the seven city Lodges took part in the exemplification of the several degrees in the following order:

On Thursday, 29th November, the first or E. A. degree by officers of Dalhousie, No. 52, and Doric, No. 58.

The second, or F. C. degree, by officers of Fidelity, No. 231; Chaudiere, No. 264, and Prince of Wales, No. 371.

On Friday, 30th November, the third or M. M. degree was exemplified by officers of Civil Service, No. 148, and Builders, No. 177. A pleasing and instructive feature in this degree was the examination of a visiting brother in open Lodge. W. Bro. Luke acted in that capacity, and Rt. W. Bros. Parlow and Walsh were deputed a Board of Trial The well known skill of these brethren made the examination an interesting and highly instructive part of the proceedings.

The attendance on both evenings was satisfactory, although the brethren outside of the city did not avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the work.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted by the M. W. the Grand Master:

To Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, for the purpose of attending decoration service.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, to hold an "At Home" on December 27th, 1900.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, to install their officers on January 14th, 1901.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, to install their officers on January 11th, 1901.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21, Vanleek Hill, to install their officers on March 5th, 1901.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, to hold an "At Home" on April 10th, 1901, and to form a new Lodge to the brethren of the Town of Hawkesbury.

I also granted dispensations to the following Lodges for the purpose of wearing regalia while attending Divine service: Bonnecherre Lodge, No. 433, Eganville; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.

The M. W. the Grand Master signified his approval of changes in the By-laws of the following Lodges: Builders Lodge, No. 177; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147; Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Doric Lodge, No. 58.

BY-LAWS.

In connection with the amendment of By-laws I am pleased to be able to state that all the Lodges in Ottawa have now a uniform initiation fee of $30.00, which does away with any feeling of unfairness which might hitherto have existed among the city Lodges.

INSTALLATION.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following Lodges: Doric Lodge, No. 58; Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Builders Lodge, No. 177; Fidelity, No. 231; Chaudiere, No. 264, and Prince of Wales, No. 371. In these installations I was ably assisted by Rt. W. Bros. Rea and Stephen, of Ottawa, and Rt. W. Bro. Tait, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

During the year the following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. Donald Campbell, of Madawaska Lodge, No. 196; Bro. Peter McDonald, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; Bro. Donald McLaren, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; Bros. R. E. Gibson and C. W. Jackson, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128; Bro. John Barnett, of Doric Lodge, No. 58; Bros. Jas. Healy and Waters, of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In paying official visits to the city Lodges I invited and have had the pleasure of being accompanied on the different occasions by present and past Grand Lodge officers, and most of the P. M's who reside in the capital. Their presence materially added to the very successful meetings which have taken place during the past year, and went far to keep the old P. M's in touch with the present. There is nothing so inspiring to the W. M. and his officers when performing their work than to see the East well represented by able and zealous Past Masters, who by their very presence act as a stimulus to the Craftsmen to put forth their best efforts.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371: My first official

visit was to this Lodge on October 26th, 1900. Under the able guidance of W. Bro. John Wilson this Lodge is doing excellent work. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M. and his officers in an almost faultless manner. I was particularly pleased with the floor work. The attendance at this meeting was very large, Rt. W. Bro. John Lough, of Buckingham, Quebec Register, being among the many visitors. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231: I visited this Lodge officially on December 18, 1900, W. Bro. Frood in the East. Two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and the work was well done W. Bro. Davitt, I. P. M., was made the recipient of a Past Master's Jewel as a recognition of the esteem in which he was held in the Lodge. Bro. John F. Stewart, who has taken charge of the Secretary's books, is making good headway in straightening them out, they having been very carelessly kept by the late Secretary, who resigned his office. This Lodge believes in exemplifying the social side of Masonry by holding "At Homes." Their fifth annual "At Home" took place on the evening of April 10, 1901, and was very largely attended by Masons, their wives, and other friends, all of whom spent a particularly pleasant evening. The prospects of this Lodge are very good.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: Accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. Stephen, I visited this Lodge on the 4th of January, 1901. W. Bro. Dodds, the W. M., raised two brethren to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a very creditable manner. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition and the prospects are bright, as the brethren appear to vie with each other in furthering the interests of Masonry.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on January 7th, 1901, and was accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. Stephen. W. Bro. R. C. Timmins, the newly-elected Master, initiated a candidate in the E. A. degree. He with his officers exemplified that degree in an exceptionally pleasing manner, and the good reports that I have always had of the Renfrew Lodge were fully carried out by the brethren. The Secretary's books are in keeping with the prosperity of the Lodge, which is excellent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vanleek Hill: In com-

pany with Rt. W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, who has been re-elected Master, and who is one of the mainstays of this Lodge, worked the first degree. This Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. The brethren who reside in Hawkesbury and vicinity are desirous of forming a Lodge in their own town, which will naturally weaken St. John's, No. 21a, but the brethren of Vanleek Hill express themselves as eager to work with renewed vigor in order to make up for the loss of those who secede from its ranks. As considerable apathy on the part of the other members of this Lodge has been displayed in the past, I am in hopes that the fact of another Lodge being in a neighboring town will stir them up and make them anxious to keep old St. John well to the fore.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: This Lodge, considering its situation, is doing good work. There are only four of the brethren residing in the town. The others are eight, twelve, and even eighteen miles from their Lodge. In my official visit on the 9th of January, 1901, I was accompanied by Rt. W. Bros. Taylor and Stephen. The attendance was very good. In the absence of the candidate, who was on the summons for initiation, the W. M. exemplified the E. A. degree on a brother in a manner that showed he was well up in his work.

Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge officially on January 11th, 1901. There being no work to do the major part of the evening was devoted to the fourth degree, when three brethren who had that very day returned from the seat of war in South Africa, were tendered a hearty reception. Bro. Sir Jas. A. Grant, in his usual felicitous manner, proposed the toast to the health of the brethren in Khaki. This is one of the best Lodges in the District, but unfortunately there is a want of brotherly feeling among some of the brethren, and in consequence black-balling of good candidates has been too frequent lately. I am in hopes that time and patience will cure the evil. The Secretary and Treasurer are model officers.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196: On January 14th, 1901, I officially visited this Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Rev T Garrett and Rt. W. Bro. Stephen. Rt. W. Bro. A. Hood occupied the East, he having been elected W M. for the fourth time. The attendance was small owing to the roads being so bad after the heavy snow

storm which raged in Eastern Canada. The second degree was worked in good style. The prospects of this Lodge, under the guiding hand of Rt. W. Bro. A. Hood, are very bright. By the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master the very convenient and suitable new rooms were dedicated on June 24th, 1901. M. W. Bro. Wm. R. White, P. G. M., assisted by brethren of Ottawa, Almonte, Renfrew, Pembroke and Eganville, performed the ceremony in accordance with the prescribed form, custom, and usage. The "At Home" in the evening was largely attended, not only by Masons, their wives and daughters, but also by the prominent non-Masons of the town. Rt. W. Bro. Hood was presented with an address and a Past Master's Jewel. The eulogistic words of the address were not couched in empty phrases when it extolled the good qualities of the genial Master of Madawaska Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: My official visit to this Lodge was on the 5th of February, 1901. The first and third degrees were worked in excellent style by W. Bro. Parrington and Rt. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow. This Lodge is financially the most prosperous in the District, and the good reputation which it has always enjoyed is fully maintained by the W. Master and his officers. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. Major Rogers, I. P. M., he having just returned from the Transvaal. The attendance at this meeting was very large.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: This Lodge is situated in the extreme west of the District in the pretty little town of Mattawa. I paid my official visit on the 6th of February, 1901. The W. M. being out of town, W. Bro. Haentschel occupied the East and conferred the first and third degrees, the work being well done. The J. W's lecture was delivered exceptionally well by Bro. A. N. Grasswell. The Lodge is fortunate in having W. Bro. Haentschel as Secretary, as he is not only an efficient officer but a most enthusiastic worker, and the prosperity of the Lodge is largely due to his efforts.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I visited this Lodge officially on February 7th, 1901. This is one of the substantial Lodges of the District, having very comfortable and commodious quarters. The register indicates a good attendance. The brother who

was to be passed to the F. C. degree, having failed to present himself. W. Bro. A. Foster, jr., opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees in a very accurate manner. The new Secretary, Bro. E. A. Dunlop, will make an efficient officer and be a good successor to Bro. Alex. Morris, who was a model of neatness.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: This is the youngest Lodge in the District. The W. M., W. Bro. Luloff, received me most cordially when I paid my official visit on the 11th of February, 1901. A candidate was initiated into the E. A. degree. W. Bro. Beatty delivered the Junior Warden's lecture and the charge in the B. of C. in a very impressive manner. After the Lodge was closed Bro. H. Childerhose entertained the brethren to a supper at his residence.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: In company with W. Bro. Hooper and W. Bro. Bradshaw I officially visited this Lodge on February 13th, 1901. Although the membership of this Lodge is large I was disappointed to find a rather poor attendance. Three candidates were passed to the second or F. C. degree; the work was fairly well done. I was particularly well pleased to see that all the candidates not only had learned the necessary questions but had also the obligation. I understand this Lodge makes it imperative on every candidate to commit the obligation before being advanced to a higher degree.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: I officially visited this, my mother Lodge, on the 1st of March, 1901. The attendance was exceptionally large, and I was more than pleased to be able to state that my own Lodge had the largest meeting of any in the District during my term of office. W. Bro. John Storr occupied the chair and worked the first degree, and was ably assisted by his officers. The new Secretary, Bro. Croll, is proving himself a painstaking and efficient officer.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I officially visited this Lodge on March 26th, 1901. This was the most important meeting of the year. The brethren of the city of Ottawa were assembled to do honor to the Most Wor. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, and also to receive and present souvenirs to the brethren who had returned from active service in South Africa. The W. M., W. Bro. W. M. Ross in the East: V. W. Bro. Turley, I. P. M., W. Bro. Parrington, of

Dalhousie, in the West; W. Bro. L. Scott, of Civil Service, in the South; W Bro. Hooper, of Builders Lodge, S. D.; W. Bro. Frood, of Fidelity, J. D.; W. Bro. McCoy, of Prince of Wales, I. G.; W. Bro. Storr, of Doric, D. of C. Among the distinguisher visitors were M. W. Bro. Malone, M. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, M. P., M. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, M. P., Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, M. P., of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; V. W. the Hon. John Ross, V. W. the Hon. Geo. Landerkin, R. W. Bros. Taylor, Howard, and Lough, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Bro. Col. Turner, U. S., and a long list of members of the fraternity. The presentation of the souvenirs was made by the M. W. the Grand Master to the following brethren: W. Bro. Major Rogers, Bro. Col. Hurdman, Bros. Grant, Winters, Morrison and Adamson, Troopers Sparks, Lampkin, Dunlop, Beavin and McCuaig. A banquet followed at which Most W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford and the other prominent guests delivered excellent addresses. The war experiences related by our military brethren were thrilling and interesting.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: In company with Rt. W. Bro. D. Taylor I officially visited this Lodge on May 7, 1901. A fair number of brethren were present. The W. M., W. Bro. C. Forbes, in the East; Bro. Alex. Buffan in the West, and Bro. Rev. C. McIntosh in the South. In lieu of the work of advancing the brother who was to be passed to the F. C. degree the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a fairly correct manner. The W. M. informed me that he could work the first and second degrees, but felt rather shaky in the third. The books of the Secretary, Wm. A. Field, are well kept.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: I officially visited this Lodge on May 14, 1901. This being their fortieth anniversary, the attendance was good, and the work of the evening was performed by the W. M., W. Bro. Howard, and his officers in keeping with the past good reports of this Lodge. Four brethren were passed to the F. C. degree. Civil Service Lodge is particularly fortunate in securing good material, which goes a long way in keeping up its good record. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are faultless.

Hawkesbury: On May 16th, 1901, accompanied by Rt. W. Bros. D. Taylor and Stephen, and Bro. E. A.

Selwyn, I visited this town in conformity with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master to deliver unto the brethren who had signed the petition to form a new Lodge, the letters of dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, enabling them to meet as Masons, and establishing them in all the rights and privileges appertaining to Lodges working under dispensation. With the assistance of the Rt. W. brethren who accompained me, I opened the Lodge in the usual form. There were about twenty-five brethren present, Bro. T. McWatters being nominated to be the first Master, Bro. Hall, Senior Warden; Bro. Tompkins, Junior Warden, and the petitioners having approved of the officers selected to govern the Lodge, they with the other officers appointed took their proper places in the Lodge. Two applications for initiation were read, with the prospect of several more for the next regular meeting. The personnel of the officers and brethren is of the highest order, and I bespeak a bright Masonic future for this Lodge now working under dispensation.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: This was the last of my official visits. I visited the historic village of Richmond on May 29, 1901, accompanied by Rt. W. Bros. May, Stephen and Butterworth, and Bros. Reir and Beddoe. The W. M., Bro. Pratt, who is well up in his work, initiated four candidates, three of them being professional men, including a clergyman. I am always pleased to see brethren of the cloth enter the portals of the Craft, as the teachings of Christianity and Masonry go hand in hand. The attendance was very good, and prospects are bright. The Secretary, W. Bro. H. Reilly, is the corner stone of this Lodge.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren of the Sixteenth Masonic District for the honor they conferred on me at the meeting of Grand Lodge held in the City of London, in electing me to the honorable position of District Deupty Grand Master. In performing my official duties I have been indebted for kindly assistanec and wise counsel rendered by Rt. W. Bros. May, Stephen, Taylor, Rea, and many other distinguished brethren who have helped to make my term of office a pleasing epoch in my Masonic career.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN ROBERTSON, D. D. G. M.,
Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District, No .16, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership.			Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E.A.	F.C.	M.M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
21*a*	St. John's..	Vankleek Hill.	42	10	15	4	3	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				...				
52	Dalhousie..	Ottawa	139	9	..	11	6	7	...	1	2	...	...	1	10	3	13	21	$35 00	34	$300 00	June, 1900..	Good	V'ry good	Yes	Hall Bd
58	Doric.....	Ottawa	119	16	6	11	6	4	5	...	5	1	...	2	11	2	13	21	25 00	14	152 25	June, 1900..	Good	V'ry good	Yes	Hall Bd
63	St John's..	Carleton Place	127	18	...	22	21	17	...	...	4	...	...	...	14	8	22	28	55 00	14	200 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	$1300 00
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	102	...	2	5	7	7	...	1	2	3	...	3	13	4	17	25	65 50	3	99 45	Dec., 1900...	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	400 00
128	Pembroke .	Pembroke	123	...	1	4	5	4	...	...	1	2	...	2	14	3	17	26	15 00	63	283 50	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	86	9	1	9	10	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	4	16	19		23	264 25	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
148	Civil Serv..	Ottawa	79	3	...	5	4	3	2	1	2	2	...	1	10	2	12	27	30 00	17	170 50	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good	Yes	Hall Bd
159	Goodwood.	Richmon l.....	70	5	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	8	13		26	387 50	Dec., 1900 ..	Good	Good.	Yes	500 00
177	The Build's	Ottawa	130	7	7	3	5	7	1	3	6	1	...	...	12	...	12	40	50 00	36	486 00	Dec., 1900...	Good	Good.	Yes	Hall Bd
186	Pl'ntag'net	Plantagenet	28	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	6	1	7	12		13	65 00	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Doubtful	Yes	None.
196	Mad'waska	Arnprior	89	3	...	6	4	7	1	...	3	...	...	1	13	4	17	24	20 00	20	238 67	Dec., 1900...	Good	V'ry good	Yes	500 00
209	Evergreen .	Lanark.....	43	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	3	13	9	10 00	16	210 00	June, 1900..		Good.	No	200 00
231	Fidelity. ...	Ottawa	106	7	...	11	11	13	1	2	1	7	...	...	10	4	14	24	208 40	10	179 01	Dec., 1900...	Good	Bright.	Yes	100 00
264	Chaudiere..	Ottawa	125	6	...	17	15	17	2	...	1	...	...	2	14	8	22	24	250 00	43	404 94	Dec., 1900...	Fair	Good.	Yes	Hall Bd
405	Mattawa....	Mattawa	77	1	...	9	7	7	1	...	7	...	...	2	13	2	15	11	84 08	9	81 90	June, 1900..	Good	Good.	No	600 00
433	Bonnech're	Eganville..	40	6	4	6	6	8	...	...	1	3	...	...	12	2	14	15	10 00	7	31 00	June, 1900..	Good	Good.	Yes	None.
371	Pr.of Wales	Ottawa	74	6	2	6	6	4	...	...	2	2	...	...	13	...	13	23	70 00	15	226 10	June, 1900..	Good	Good.	Yes	Hall Bd

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District, No. 17, during the past year, and in doing so I desire to extend my thanks to the brethren of the District for the expression of confidence in electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M.

My first official work was the issuing of a notice to all Lodges in the District asking for the prompt mailing of notices of all meetings and drawing their attention to all matters dealt with by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in a circular letter received from him.

Masonry throughout the District has during the past year been steadily advancing, and speaking generally found the principles to be carefully observed and the work well performed.

I have visited every Lodge in my jurisdiction and a special report is given hereunder.

Upon taking office I found a great deal of inconvenience through not having any returns or list of officers for the various Lodges in the District, and I would suggest that on the 24th June a duplicate of the annual return be retained by each Lodge to be sent to the incoming D. D. G. M. or held by the Grand Secretary and forwarded to the newly-elected officer at the same time as the notice of his election.

The following dispensations were granted during my term of office: Three for funerals of deceased brethren, two to attend Divine service, and one for an "At Home," the fees for same being remitted to the Grand Secretary.

My first visit was to Granite Lodge, No. 446, at Fort Frances. On this visit I was accompanied by the following brethren of Rat Portage: R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, R. W. Bro. A. Moore, V. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, W. Bros. D. L. Mather and W. A. Weir, also Bros. W. Robertson, N. Schnarr

and T. R. Deacon. An emergent meeting was held no the 21st August, 1900, and the first degree was exemplified. While one of the youngest Lodges in the District, they have a pleasant room, neatly furnished, careful and painstaking officers, and I feel very hopeful of Granite Lodge having a long session of prosperity. At the close of the work an adjournment was made to the Alberton House, where a most magnificent banquet was laid, to which the members and visitors did full justice. W. Bro. Hollands presided, making a capable chairman, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Owing to the great distances to cover the District it is an impossibility to visit the Lodges on the regular nights of meeting, and it becomes necessary to have emergent meetings according to the time taken to make the various points. In September I left for the eastern end of my District, visiting Fort William Lodge, No. 415, on the evening of the 6th. The W. M. was unfortunately absent, but W. Bro. Jackson, P. M., took the chair and conferred the third degree upon a candidate. The work was exceedingly well done, and he was well supported by all the junior officers. It is with regret I find that complete harmony does not exist in this Lodge, and as a result many reputable and highly esteemed citizens have been rejected, from no other motive, as far as I can discover, than to work injury to the Lodge. An application for a new Lodge has been made, and at first I did not approve of it, but after visiting Fort William lately and going into the matter carefully, I have since come to the conclusion that in the interests of Masonry and Masonic harmony it is advisable that the prayer of the petition be granted, and I have since so recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

On June 27th I visited Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, and was received in a well appointed and beautifully furnished Lodge-room owned by the Craft. W. Bro. Ritchie was in the East, but hardly any of his regular officers were present, which naturally had a detrimental effect on the manner in which the work was done. W. Bro. Morgan makes an energetic and faithful Secretary, and Shuniah Lodge is in good hands.

September 10th I visited Keystone Lodge, No. 412, at Sault Ste. Marie, but was here unfortunate through my letter advising the Secretary of the date of my visit miscarrying, and it also appeared for local reasons that the night selected was the worst that could possibly have

been to get a good attendance. Keystone has a bright future ahead, as the influx of new members is large, and the number of affiliations is also numerous through the rapid strides this thriving town is taking. The regular officers were nearly all absent, and I was not in a position to see the work put on, but I feel satisfied from what I know of the brethren composing Keystone that it cannot help but be in the front ranks as regards Masonry.

On the 11th September I had the pleasure of visiting Dyment Lodge, No. 442, at Thessalon, and although the weather was not at all desirable, still there was a good attendance, and W. Bro. Dyment and his capable staff of officers put on the second degree in a manner to reflect credit upon any Lodge in the District.

On October 5th I visited Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, and was accompanied by a large number of Rat Portage brethren. The officers this year are no exception to the rule, and W. Bro. Cherry and his assistants reflect credit upon the discretion of the members in selecting their officers. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate.

I made my official visit to Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, on the regular night of meeting, February 6th, and took a great deal of pleasure in officially visiting my mother Lodge. W. Bro .Sherman occupied the East for the second term, and all officers and a large attendance of members were present. During the past year this Lodge has been very energetic and has had a large influx of new members, which I largely attribute to the establishing of a second Lodge in the jurisdiction, and has resulted in Pequonga becoming aroused, the members paying up their dues, and more interest generally being taken in Masonic affairs. The first and second degrees were conferred upon candidates in a very creditable manner.

June 12th was the date of my visit to the last Lodge in my jurisdiction, viz., Lake of the Woods. While this Lodge has the smallest membership, it has among its members a most capable set of brethren, well skilled in the Craft, and who take a decided interest in its welfare. The second degree was conferred upon a condidate by W. Bro. Chapman in a most impressive manner.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. A. McCROSSAN, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.			Degre's conf'r'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem	Increase during year.	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
287	Shuniah....	Port Arthur....	98	..	2	6	3	4	2	...	2	5	...	3	14	7	21	16	$78 90	46	$ 465 85	Jan.. 1901 ..	Good	Good.	Yes	$3000 00
412	Keystone...	Sault St. Marie	95	16	...	11	8	7	10	1	6	...	...	...	6	7	13	21	20 00	2	120 00	Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
414	Pequonga..	Rat Portage....	109	13	2	9	9	10	4	1	1	7	...	1	14	8	22	20		29	171 60	June, 1901..	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00
415	Ft. William	Ft. William.....	68	10	4	10	8	8	...	...	4	...	..	1	13	2	15	15	125 00	38	525 00	June, 1900..	Poor	Poor	Yes	400 00
417	Keewatin...	Keewatin.....	55	6	1	6	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	3	16	16	10 00	23		Dec., 1900...	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
442	Dyment.. .	Thessalon		...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...									...	
445	L. of the W'ds	Rat Portage....	26	1	...	4	4	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	11	3	14	14		2	40 50		Good.	Good.	Yes	
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances..	43	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	15	7	22	14	5 00		34 76	Dec., 1900...	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District for the past year, I do so midst feelings mingled with pleasure and regret. Pleasure for two reasons; first, from the fact that my official visits have been to me a source of pleasure, and probably more profitable to myself than the different Lodges visited, and secondly, on account of not a single cause for complaint having been reported to me throughout the District to mar the fraternal feeling and good fellowship which should at all times exist among the brethren; and regret, from not having been able to pay a second visit to as many of the Lodges as I had contemplated doing.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown me during my visits, and for the friendly manner in which my suggestions and recommendations were received for the benefit of Masonry and the uniformity of the work. My observation has led me to believe that there is ever an increasing desire on the part of the officers and members of the various Lodges to perfect themselves in Masonic knowledge as well as secure uniformity in the general work as laid down by Grand Lodge, and that all are ready to secure information when rightly given. Although this is the Baby District, I think I can safely assure the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that the work done in the various Lodges is fully up to that done in the older Districts, and I would respectfully suggest that when opportunity presents itself the members and officers in the older Districts should visit the younger Lodges and either impart or receive knowledge.

Unfortunately the Lodges in this District are in most cases so far separated that it is almost impossible for them to pay the fraternal visits, which I consider would be to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

I was in hopes that it might have been arranged to

hold a Lodge of Instruction at some central point, but owing to different complications arising as time passed on, nothing was accomplished. It has been suggested to me that if the Grand Master or one or more of the past Grand Lodge officers could manage to hold a Lodge of Instruction in this northern district, assisted by the D. D. G. M. and any other enthusiastic and competent Masons, a great amount of good would be the result, and I must say that I am quite in sympathy with the recommendation.

As directed by the delegates at District meeting last communication of Grand Lodge, I purchased a D. D. G. M.'s regalia, which I presented to my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. J. N. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., as a mark of appreciation for work done by him in the District.

All Lodges in the District have been visited by me, and the following is my report on same:

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: On November 30th, 1900, I paid my official visit, and although an emergent meeting, there was a splendid attendance. The work was an initiation, which was done by the W. M., W. Bro. Pirie. This Lodge prides itself on the quality of its work, and W. Bro. Pirie, who has quite a reputation as an orator, certainly supported the contention, he being an able and competent worker. The W. M. was well supported by the officers, who likewise done their parts with accuracy and promptness. The J. W. being absent, V .W. Bro. Foote gave the lecture in a creditable manner. I was very much pleased to renew my acquaintance with R. W. Bro. Knifton, to whom this Lodge owes considerable, he being a valuable support, as strictness and precision is his hobby. I was likewise pleased to see so many other Past Masters present, who at all times take a deep interest in the management. As stated by my predecessor, this Lodge own their own Lodge-room and other valuable property, and I think it but fair to compliment the past officers and members for their good judgment in securing such valuable property, which not only gives them a home but also a source of revenue. And as the officers and members believe in doing all things well, I would recommend that any brother visiting Parry Sound, should opportunity present itself, pay this Lodge a visit. Books, records, etc., well kept.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: On November 27th I visited this Lodge, and very much appreciated

the hearty welcome accorded me. Owing to the fact that the W. M. elect, W. Bro. C. G. Mills, having moved from the District, the Master's chair is being creditably filled by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Mahaffey. The attendance was good. Two candidates being found well skilled, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons by W. Bro. Mahaffey in an intelligent manner. This Lodge for some time back has made but small progress, but now appears to have revived, and as the right kind of material is coming their way, all that I would suggest is that a little more vim and go should be put into the proceedings in order to make the work more interesting. Taking into consideration that the work has been slack, all the officers do their parts well. And too much praise cannot be accorded the Past Masters, officers and members, and more particularly does this apply to P. D. D. G. M's R. W. Bros. Hubert and Mills, who have stuck to the ship, and will, I feel sure, continue to keep a fatherly eye on the younger members assuming office, and nothing is more pleasing than to see the Past Masters in their places. This Lodge is well furnished, free from debt, and books, records, etc., properly kept.

Unity Lodge, No. 367, Huntsville: On May 8th I paid my official visit, and received, as I expected, a most cordial welcome from the brethren. The attendance was very good. This is one of the most prosperous Lodges in the District, the Master, Wardens and officers understanding their work. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The work was divided between the W. M., W. Bro. Matthews; I. P. M., W. Bro. Grant, and my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Shearer, and done in a satisfactory manner, showing that considerable time and thought had been devoted to the meaning of the work. The books, records, etc., are well kept.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: On November 28th I paid my official visit to this Lodge. There was a fairly good attendance. Fartunately there were two third degree candidates, who after passing a satisfactory examination were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. W. Bro. Winfield, the W .M., done the work in a satisfactory manner, but with a greater amount of work would be more proficient. The Master was fairly well supported by the Wardens and

assistant officers. I am in hopes that the new material coming in will not prove disappointing, as they appear to be of the requisite quality to assist those now bearing the burden, and expect my successor will find Golden Rule Lodge in a flourishing condition. Books, records, etc., O. K.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: On May 9th I paid my official visit to this, my mother Lodge. Although the attendance was not as good as hoped for, all the principal officers were in their respective chairs. The W. M., W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck (who is, I expect, the youngest W. M. under Grand Lodge), initiated a candidate in a most praiseworthy manner. The Wardens are well up in their work. The J. W., Bro. Weegar, gave the lecture satisfactorily. It was expected that a third degree would be conferred, but the candidate, not being able to pass a satisfactory examination, this was deferred, as this Lodge consider it most important to have the members properly qualified before proceeding. I was pleased to have W. Bro. Leask, I. P. M., with us. Unfortunately for this Lodge three of our Past Masters have within a short space of time moved from the town, in the persons of W. Bros. Morris, McKnight, and Way, and to whom this Lodge owe a debt of gratitude for the important part they took in Masonry while residing in North Bay. Books, records, etc., are up to date.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: On December 19th I paid my official visit to this Lodge and found it in a fairly prosperous condition. The attendance was as good as could be expected. The proper material in this locality being limited, progress is slow. Three applications for membership were received, and being, I understand, of good material, this Lodge is likely to overcome the apparent depression of a few years ago. W. Bro. Whitby, the W. M., initiated a candidate in a pleasing manner. The Wardens and officers done their parts well. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees correctly. The books, records, etc., are well kept.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: On June 5th I paid my official visit to this Lodge. From what I saw, and from my personal knowledge of the officers and members of the Lodge, I cannot speak too favorably of it. The arrangement of the lighting, etc., surpasses any in

the District, and the hall in general is very good. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, and the East was well filled with Past Masters. The work for the evening was a third degree, which was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro Gill, and being well supported by the Wardens and assistant officers, the work was done to the satisfaction of all. The Secretary being W. Bro. C. R. Reid, the books, records, etc., could not be otherwise than well kept.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: On November 29th I visited this Lodge, and although many of the members came from a distance, there was a good attendance. There being no candidates, the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. McConkey. I was informed beforehand that the officers in this Lodge were hair splitters. I must say that I highly appreciated the manner in which the opening and closing ceremony was performed, and if more of the older Lodges would copy from this one, and stick closer to their work and read more carefully all notations pertaining to the work there would be less cause for criticism when the D. D. G. M's pay their official visits.

Powassan Lodge, No. 433, Powassan: My first visit to this Lodge was on September 24th, to conduct the funeral service by special request on the part of the deceased, Bro. Samuel Carmichael (before his death). The deceased was one of the first settlers, and also one of the most respected residents in this district, which was plainly shown at the funeral. I was accompanied by W. Bro. McKnight, Bros. Cobb, Martin and Weegar, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. On December 27th I again visited this Lodge, and assisted by my old friends W. Bro. Darling and W. Bro. Oldfield, installed the officers. The officers and members of this Lodge deserve a good deal of credit for having such comfortable quarters and being free from debt, as too many new Lodges do not realize that they should creep before they walk. Although there was no degree work, the Master, Wardens and assistant officers appear to be familiar with their duties.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls: On November 12th, assisted by V. W. Bro. A. J. Young and W. Bro. Anderson, as requested by Most Wor. Bro. Hungerford, G. M., I constituted this Lodge in due form as No. 447, and installed the officers. The By-laws were read and confirmed in open Lodge. This

Lodge is unusually well supported by a number of Past Masters, and an active lot of officers and members. Their hall and reception room would do credit to a much older Lodge, and on the day that the Lodge was constituted Bro. Chas. Wright, who is a member of the Grand Lodge of England, and likewise a member of the Grand Lodge of Australia, presented the Lodge with a beautiful set of pedestals, which do credit to the taste of the donor, and very highly prized by the brethren. Since that time another brother, in the person of Bro. J. B. Moore, has made the Lodge a present of a costly altar. And everything goes to show that Grand Lodge at its last communication made no mistake in granting this Lodge a charter.

Before closing with my report I would like to say that I was agreeably surprised at the competent manner in which most Secretaries had done their work, and as a suggestion I would ask all Masters and Secretaries to be prompt in dealing with correspondence, etc., from their D. D. G. M's in order that the burden may be lightened. For my part I wish to thank one and all for promptness in dealing with communications from me during my term of office, and in conclusion bid you all a fond adieu.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. W. LIDDLE, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in Nipissing District No. 18, from June 24th, 1900, to June 24th, 1901.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-bership Increase during year.	Mem-bership Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'rd E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held Regular.	Meet'gs held Emergent.	Meet'gs held Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
352	Strong	Parry Sound	65	3	1	2	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	11	4	15	23	$25 00	4	$ 30 00	Dec , 1900	Good.	Good	Yes	Yes.
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	53	15	...	12	10	9	3	1	1	...	...	...	12	5	17	17	Nil.	6	21 50	Dec., 1900	Good.	Good	Yes	$ 300 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	78	9	...	7	...	6	8	...	...	3	...	...	14	1	15	23	13 60	5	48 00		Go d.	Good	Yes	500 00
409	Gold'n Rule	Gravenhurst	35	3	3	3	6	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	9	4	13	13	15 00	12	141 30	Dec., 1900	Fair.	Good	Yes	300 00
420	Nipissing	North Bay	81	6	4	3	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	15		39	162 70	June, 1901	Good.	Good	Yes	500 00
423	Strong	Sundridge	44	4	4	4	2	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	9	1	10	14	10 00	8	91 00	Feb., 1901	Good.	Good	Yes	Yes.
427	Nickel	Sudbury	106	7	2	7	8	6	2	...	2	...	...	...	12	2	14	16	60 00			June, 1900	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	600 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	44	4	1	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	14	11		14	119 00	April, 1901	Good.	Good	Yes	200 00
443	Powassan	Powassan	29	4	...	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	14	13	3 00	1		Dec., 1900	Good.	Good	Yes	None.
447	Strg'n Falls	Sturgeon Falls	37	11	...	9	15	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	16	16				Dec., 1900	Good	Good	Yes	None.

REPORT ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report

1st. That they have examined the following duly certified accounts, and have recommended the same to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

The Copp, Clarke Co. (Toronto), certificates, etc..	$ 911 50
The Spectator Printing Co. (Hamilton), printing....	488 42
John Eastwood & Co. (Hamilton), stationery.....	71 54
Robert Duncan & Co. (Hamilton), binding, etc.....	31 45
The Alexander Cable Co. (Toronto), in settlement of account	13 11
McPherson & Drope (Hamilton), printing, balance of account	150 00
	$1,666 02

2nd. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of the Grand Lodge (those deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission to Grand Lodge; and it is especially desired that greater care be exercised in the disposition of the same than has been the case in past years.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN S. DEWAR,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Printing and Supplies be received and subsequently adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That a warrant be issued to Zenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley, County of Kent, Erie District, No. 1.

2. That the dispensations granted by the Grand Master to Dundalk Lodge, Dundalk, in the Georgian District, No. 9, on the 2nd of April, 1901; to Somerville Lodge, Kinmount, County of Victoria, in Ontoria District, No. 12, on the 25th of June, 1901; and to Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, County of Prescott, in Ottawa District, No. 16, on the 2nd of May, 1901, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That a dispensation be granted to Avonmore Lodge, Avonmore, County of Stormont, in St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

4. That the following petitions for Lodges be not entertained:

Century Lodge, Merlin, County of Kent, Erie District, No. 1; Russell Lodge, Russell, County of Russell, St. Lawrence District, No. 15; Stormont Lodge, Finch, County of Stormont, St. Lawrence District, No. 15; Royal Lodge, Fort William, in Algoma District, No. 17.

Fraternally submitted,

L. SECORD,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. Secord,

That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chapple,

That the report be amended by striking out the words, "Royal Lodge, Fort William, in Algoma District, No. 17."

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost.*

The original motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid

over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowldged by that officer; vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in that office.

The total receipts have been	$23,499 88
The total expenditures have been	21,638 15
Receipts over expenditures	1,861 73

The receipts last year were $22,413.77, making an increase for this year of $1,086.11.

The expenditures last year were $22,229.11.

The funds of Grand Lodge on May 31st, 1901, were as follows:

Brockville debentures (face value) at 4 p.c	$ 3,000 00
Woodstock debentures (face value) at 6 p.c	7,000 00
Canada Central Loan and Savings Co. debentures at 4 p.c	15,000 00
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. debentures at 4 p.c	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co. debentures at 4¼ p.c.	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co. debentures at 4 p.c.	5,000 00
Canada Savings and Loan Co. debentures at 4 p. c.	5,000 00
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. debentures at 4 p.c.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co. debentures at 4 p. c	15,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co. debentures at 4 p. c	10,000 00
	$85,000 00
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on June 3rd, 1901	$13,348 61
Total	$98,348 61

Making investments as follows:

Toronto	$35,000 00
Hamilton	30,000 00
London	10,000 00
Woodstock	7,000 00
Brockville	3,000 00
	$85,000 00

Which amounts represent the balance at the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund	$81,856 86
Asylum Fund	16,491 75
	$98,348 61

The Board recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	$ 100 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals to May 1st, 1901	23 46
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals	500 00
Grants to Benevolence	11,695 00
General Masonic Relief Association, annual fee	125 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	50 00
	$12,493 46

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommend their payment:

McPherson & Drope, balance	$ 150 00
The Copp, Clark Co., certificates	911 50
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery	71 54
The Alexander & Cable Co., Toronto, in settlement of account	13 11
Spectator Printing Co., balance	488 42
R. Duncan & Co., binding, etc	31 45
	$1,666 02

The Board have considered the request from Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, Ont., that the fees for life membership in the cases of two brethren who served in the Canadian Contingent to South Africa be remitted, and while appreciating the action of the Lodge under the circumstances, cannot recommend that the request be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE S. MAY,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg to report that they have received 295 applications, which they have dealt with as follows:

158 applications from private Lodges, of which 154 have been granted, amounting to	$ 6,400 00

(Four applications were refused.)

137 applications from Local Boards, of which 135 have been granted, amounting to		4,620 00
(Two applications were refused)		
Special grants by Grand Lodge:		
Mrs. Wilson	$150 00	
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00	
Mrs. Harington	150 00	
		675 00
Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication		$11,695 00
During the past year 10 interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, amounting to		304 00
Grant by the M. W. the Grand Master for the relief of the Galveston flood sufferers		500 00
Total grants by Grand Lodge		$12,535 00

The following Lodges, which received supplementary aid from Grand Lodge at last Annual Communication, have not made returns as required by the regulations, viz.: Nos. 8, 17, 121, 137, 161, 225, 260, 262, 269, 322, 336, 391, 432. The Board recommend that no cheque for this year's grant be forwarded to those Lodges until satisfactory returns are received by the Grand Secretary.

Returns have been received from all the Local Boards of Relief.

The Board recommend that no payments be made on account of new applicants or to those in which investigation is directed by the Committee, until the cases are investigated by the Inspector.

The Board recommend that the Inspector be paid the sum of $15.00 and his expenses for his attendance on the Committee.

An application has been received from Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, for relief for five brethren who had suffered loss by fire at Cache Bay. The Committee have received no information except the resolution of the Lodge asking for the relief. The Board therefore cannot recommend any appropriation of the funds of Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. GUNN,

Chairman Board on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Jurisprudence, beg to report as follows:

Re application of Copestone Lodge, No. 373, and Bro. Thomas Main.

This is an application made by Copestone Lodge, asking that the degree of Past Master be conferred on Bro. Thomas Main, a member of that Lodge, who had never been elected to or filled the Master's chair.

The Board can find no authority in the Constitution for such procedure, and recommend that the application be not entertained.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. C. HEGLER,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, has the honor to present the following report respecting the notices of motion upon the notice paper.

Grand Lodge will remember that it is no part of the Board's duty to express an opinion as to the merits of the motions—their duty is confined to reporting as to their effect on and their relation to existing legislation.

Motion No. 1:

The object of this motion is to change the rule respecting ballot voting. Under the present rule 33 a ballot may be had on the demand of any brother while Grand Lodge is in session on any question not otherwise provided for. Brother Macwatt desires to have the rule changed so that a ballot cannot be had except upon the application of ten brethren.

There is no constitutional objection to the motion.

If it passes the following verbal change should be made:

The words "any brother" should be changed to "ten brethren."

The word "his" in the next line should be changed to "their," and the word "place" to "places."

Motion No. 2:

Motion 2 is intended to make the clause 3k conform to what is understood to be the recognized practice in balloting.

The law permits a brother to deposit a ballot in his own right and another as the representative of a Lodge. The amendment seems to be proper.

Motion 3:

Brother Cuthbert's motion, No. 3, deals with the Constitution of the Board of General Purposes. There is no objection to the motion from a constitutional point of view.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Constitution and Laws.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received.

REPORT ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board have had submitted to them the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Having carefully read the various reports the Board are pleased to be able to state that of the 362 Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, 351 have been officially visited, some of them several times. Last year seven Lodges were reported unvisited; this year ten are reported not visited. The unvisited Lodges are below:

No. 74, St. James.... Bethel.
" 146, J. B. Hall.... Millbrook.
" 185, Enniskillen York.
" 242, Macoy Mallorytown.
" 256, Farran's Point Farran's Point.
" 328, Ionic Napier.
" 387, Landsdown Landsdown.
" 389, Crystal Fountain.....North Augusta.
" 398, Victoria Kirkfield.
" 416, Lyn Lyn.

Of the seven Lodges not visited last year six were visited this year and with one, or perhaps two, exceptions, are reported to be in a satisfactory state.

The fact of ten Lodges not being visited this year would be more unsatisfactory if these Lodges were scattered over the whole jurisdiction, but as six of the ten are in one district and only four in the other eighteen districts, it does not indicate any relaxation of vigilance generally. No doubt there was some reason for the neglect to visit so large a percentage in the St. Lawrence District, but the D. D. G. M. in his report does not give it voice.

The Board must continue to press upon the attention of the D. D. G. M's the wish of Grand Lodge and their obligation to carry out that wish that each of them shall, during his term of office, pay one visit to every Lodge in his district. The attention of the D .D. G. M's is particularly directed to the Lodges in their District not visited last year, so that they may pay them a visit at an early date.

The Board have much pleasure in reporting that generally the D. D .G. M's have discharged their trust carefully and efficiently. Their duties are onerous and exacting, and a large measure of responsibility rests upon them. It is gratifying to know that they have realized how much depends upon their faithfulness and have so well fulfilled their duties. The Lodges look forward with pleasure to the visits of the representative of the Grand Master, expecting they will be encouraged in well doing, and by information and instruction from such an authority be stimulated to even greater things. Under such circumstances it is as great a pleasure for the D. D. G. M. to pay a visit as it is for a Lodge to receive it. The expenses of the D. D. G. M's have during the year apparently been fairly well paid, as only in one or two instances is there any reference to the matter. One D. D. G. M. says he had to ask for his expenses and felt embarrased at having to do so. There should be no embarrassment in such a case. Grand Lodge has so often expressed its wish upon this matter, and it is so eminently fair that an officer who freely gives his valuable time should be paid his travelling expenses that no hesitation should be felt in rendering an account which should be cheerfully and promptly paid. The present system by which each Lodge pays the expenses of visitation is working very well, and the Board believes that if every D. D. G. M. would render a bill to each Lodge that the few cases now in evidence would entirely disappear.

In all the districts prosperity and progress is reported. We are told of increased membership, easy finances, harmony and good feeling prevailing, apparently not a shadow of discontent or soreness, and it may be truly said that the condition of Masonry well reflects the present content and prosperity prevailing in this happy land. With few exceptions the W. M's are reported to be well-skilled and proficient in the working of the several degrees, and in this connection there is reason for satisfaction that year by year the W. M's are increasingly perfect in their work, and the Lodge where

the Master cannot fill all the duties of his office are few and far between. There appears to be almost perfect uniformity, although occasionally something crops up to show it is not yet absolute and complete. We are told of a Junior Warden delivering a lecture other than that prescribed by the Grand Lodge. It is only alluded to here to point the moral that the Master who permits such departures has not grasped all the responsibilities of his office. Of course there are men who think they could improve the ritual; perhaps they could, but they have no authority to do so until Grand Lodge approves—to permit such attempts would be to invite chaos where order reigns, if not supreme, very nearly so.

The progress that has taken place in uniformity and perfection of details is largely due to the watchfulness and care of the D. D. G. M's, but under them it is due in a great degree to the holding of Lodges of Instruction, which latter are veritable schools for imparting a knowledge of sound and correct work. Believing this, the Board are continually harping on the necessity for holding them in every District. Last year only three Lodges were held. This year eleven have been held in nine Districts, some holding two. It is satisfactory to note that wherever they were held they were well attended, much appreciated and admittedly had an educational and stimulating effect upon the Craft in the locality. The Board record the hope that next year Lodges of Instruction will be held in every District. The Districts holding Lodges of Instruction were Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 11a, 14, 16.

The Secretarial work of the Lodges is reported to be well and efficiently transacted, and this is of great importance, as these officers carry on the business affairs of the Lodges. It is to be hoped that the Secretaries will be careful in future to forward the statistical table to the D. D. G. M's in plenty of time to send them with their reports, as in the absence of these tables the growth of the Lodges cannot be accurately gauged.

The Board record with pleasure the fact that many D. D. G M's report the Lodges attending Divine service clothed as Masons. This is as it should be; we cannot too frequently testify to our belief in and reliance upon our Father which is in Heaven. Mention is also made of Memorial services on the occasion of the death of the great and good Queen to whom this institution is lastingly and deeply indebted. That these services were not more generally held is no doubt due to the universality of mourning services and the presence of Masons at the service in their place of family worship with their wives and children.

The necessity for keeping full insurance on Lodge effects is being frequently emphasized by the misfortunes of various Lodges. The Board once more urge upon the D. D. G. M's the importance of pressing this matter on the attention of the Lodges and doing everything possible to promote this means of safeguarding from disaster property so difficult for a struggling Lodge to replace.

Arrearages of dues continue a subject of discussion. The

Lodges have the remedy in their own hands, and the Grand Lodge has no desire to dictate or interfere with what is a domestic problem for each Lodge. The Board would express the opinion that every reasonable effort should be made to lessen the serious amount of outstanding dues in some Lodges. It is the universal experience that the longer dues stand the more difficult they are of collection, and in many cases when action has to be taken dissatisfaction becomes rife and troubles ensue. The true course would seem to be to insist upon all who are able to pay paying at the proper time. This would break the back of the difficulty. Then carefully inquire into and extend leniency to the case of the deserving, and to those wholly incapable of paying extend the very broadest charity.

The Lodges have as usual been generous to those who are in difficulties or afflicted. Substantial grants have been made for transient relief to the widows and orphans and to benevolent institutions which care for the sick and needy.

The Board in closing express the opinion that there has been no diminution in the peace and prosperity prevailing in our beloved Order, but that, on the contrary, we have attained to an even higher plane of usefulness and happiness than we had reached at the end of our last Masonic year.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board beg to report as follows upon the cases of Grievances and Appeals laid before them:

1. Lodge No. 239, Tweed, and Bro. G. W. Woodhouse. This is a case of the Lodge conferring the second and third degree upon Bro. Woodhouse within three weeks, which was discovered upon application to the Grand Secretary for the brother's certificate. We recommend that, with the consent of the M. W. the Grand Master, a dispensation be granted upon payment of the usual fee. The Board regrets to see the lack of knowledge of the Constitution displayed by the W. Master and the installing board of this Lodge, and would draw the attention of W. Masters throughout the jurisdiction

of Grand Lodge to the grave duties devolving upon the Installing Board when recommending the W. Master-elect for installation.

2. St. George's Lodge, No. 243, vs. Bro. A. E. Laing, stealing moneys. The brother was tried before the County Judge of the County of Brant, found guilty and sentenced. Thereafter a charge was laid against him before his Lodge. He was tried, suspended indefinitely, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The proceedings being regular, the Board recommend that Bro. Laing be summoned to show cause before next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

3. Complaint of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia vs. North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, invasion of jurisdiction. It is quite clear that there has been an invasion in this case, and the Board recommend as follows: (1) That North Star Lodge be directed to pass a resolution of the Lodge in form satisfactory to the M. W. the Grand Master, apologizing for their action in the circumstances and expressing their regret therefore: (2) that they be directed to pay to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and within 60 days from this date, an amount equal to the initiation fee for the initiation of a candidate required by Nelson Lodge, G. R., British Columbia to be paid to the said Nelson Lodge, of the funds of this Grand Lodge; (3) that they be prohibited from passing or raising Bro. George Keyes, the candidate, and from requesting any other Lodge from doing so for them: (4) that a copy of this report and of the apology of North Star Lodge be forwarded at the earliest possible date to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

4. Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering, vs. Wm. Egan Vanstone, unmasonic conduct. This is an appeal by Bro. Vanstone from the action of Doric Lodge in suspending him indefinitely and recommending him to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The verdict of the Lodge was given on the 11th April, 1901. Bro. Vanstone was notified thereof on the 18th April, whilst Bro. Vanstone's notice of appeal was not served upon the Lodge for nearly six weeks thereafter, the Constitution requiring such notice to be given within 21 days after the notice given by the Lodge. After hearing the parties and considering all the circumstances, independently of the irregularity regarding the notice of appeal, your Board recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

5. In the matter of the invasion of the jurisdiction of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, G. R. C., by Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, G. R. C., and of the counter charge of the invasion of the jurisdiction of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, G. R. C., by Mountain Lodge, No. 221, G. R. C. Your Board are not satisfied with the evidence produced and recommend that the matters in question be referred to the incoming D. D. G. M. of that District to have an independent survey made under his personal supervision by a properly qualified land surveyor and to report thereon to your Board at the next annual communica-

tion, the expense of such survey to be paid in the meantime by the Grand Lodge.

6. In the matter of complaint of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia against St. George's Lodge, No. 367, G. R. C., Toronto, for invasion of jurisdiction, by initiating one John Phillips, a resident of Rossland, B.C. Your Board have carefully considered the report of R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, J. C. Hegler and A. T. Freed, dated the 7th day of December, 1900, appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, to enquire into the said complaint, and beg to report as follows: (1) That Bro. John Phillips was formerly a resident of the city of Toronto, and in or about the year 1897 went to reside in the Province of British Columbia, and on the 2nd day of March, 1900, when initiated into St. George's Lodge, although he had then temporarily returned to Toronto, was subject to the jurisdiction of Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, Rossland, G. R., B. C., and was initiated by St. George's Lodge without the knowledge or consent of Corinthian Lodge aforesaid; (2) that by initiating Bro. Phillips, St. George's Lodge was guilty of an invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia; (3) that it appears that St. George's Lodge habitually destroy all applications of candidates therein within a short time of the initiation of the candidates and in pursuance of that policy destroyed the application put in to them by Bro. Phillips. We recommend as follows: (1) That St. George's Lodge, be directed to pass a resolution of the Lodge in form satisfactory to the M. W. the Grand Master, apologizing for their action in the circumstances and expressing their regret therefor; (2) that St. George's Lodge be directed to pay, within sixty days of this date, to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge the sum of $30, to be paid to the Secretary of Corinthian Lodge: (3) that St. George's Lodge be directed to prefer, through their Junior Warden not later than their regular meeting in September next, a charge to the effect that Bro. John Phillips did, while a resident of Rossland, B. C., falsely and fraudulently represent himself to be a resident of the city of Toronto for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of initiation into St. George's Lodge contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that therefore the said Lodge do, at its own expense, and under the direction of the D. D. G. M. of the District of Toronto East, No. 11a, for the time being, with the assistance of counsel to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master and paid for by St. George's Lodge, vigorously prosecute the said charge to a conclusion; (4) that St. George's Lodge be prohibited (a) from passing or raising Bro. Phillips, (b) from requesting any other Lodge to do so for them, (c) from granting him his demit, and (d) from permitting him to enjoy any of the privileges or advantages of Masonry, pending his trial on said charge; (5) that it be an instruction to all the Lodges in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that all applications for initiation and affiliation must be carefully preserved among the archives of the Lodge; (6) that a copy of this report and of the apology of St. George's Lodge be forwarded

at the earliest possible date to the Grand Secretary of the G. L. of British Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. BURRITT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the repart of the Board of Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report:

Whilst we greet with infinite pleasure the many friends who year by year are "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but most happy to meet again," our pleasure is deeply tinged with sadness when we note the gaps in our ranks and miss the presence of those who for long have been our associates and fellow workers.

The Board regret exceedingly that the reports of the Lodge Secretaries are in many cases so meagre that the D. D. G. M's are unable to give anything like complete returns and that therefore your Committee have probably neglected to note the names of some brethren who have perchance lived the ideal Masonic life, whose influence has been uniformly the highest and purest, whose characters have been splendid object-lessons on what a Mason should do and be, and whose memory should not only be enshrined in the hearts of those who have known them best, but should be perpetuated in the records of the Grand Lodge.

Among those reported we note: R. W. Bro. Richard Brierley, The Barton Lodge, No. 6, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. James Smith, The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. F. Milliken, Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Telford, Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. B. E. Charlton, The Barton Lodge, No. 6, P. G. S. W.: V. W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, P. G. Supt. of Works; V. W. Bro. Robt. Lewis, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, P. G. S. B.:V. W. Bro. Robt. Higham, Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Grand Steward: V. W. Bro. John Carruthers, Central Lodge, No. 110, Past Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. J. G. Carruthers, St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Past Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. Thomas Shaw, New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Past Grand Steward; good men and true who have in

their turn borne the burden and heat of the day in earnest work for the Craft.

The Grand Master has feelingly alluded in his address to V. W. Bro. Robert Lewis, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, at his death of one of the oldest Past Masters of his Lodge.

In addition, W. Bro. Wm. Moore, St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, a P. M. for over 50 years, passed away suddenly at the ripe age of 82, and we have lost W. Bro. Charles B. Brine, of Ivy Lodge, No. 115, a brilliant and well-posted Mason; W. Bro. Roderick Campbell, of Mountain Lodge, No. 221; W. Bro. A. N. Parney, of St. John's Lodge, No. 82; W. Bro. Charles Brown, of Burford Lodge, No. 108; W. Bro. B. Varey, of Erie Lodge, No. 149; W. Bro. M. G. Hetherington, of Leamington Lodge, No. 290; W. Bro. Andrew Hamilton, of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, who met his death by drowning; W. Bro. A. K. Sturgeon, M. D., of Petrolia Lodge, No. 194; W. Bro. W. D. McRae, of Craig Lodge, No. 401; W. Bro. A. Graveley, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125.

May they rest in peace!

"They do but slumber in the dust,
While angels guard their sacred trust,
Till all the bodies of the just
In glory rise."

Be this the brief record of those of our brethren who have received their summonses from the Great Overseer to drop working tools, to leave guage and gavel and chisel, square and level and plumb rule, skirret and pencil and compasses, and, work in hand, to prevent themselves before the unerring justice of His all-seeing eye, there to render an account of their conduct through life. To His mercy and love, greater, if possible than His justice, we leave them, in firm yet humble confidence.

To each of these there came in turn his call; in early manhood's flush and joy, in the full vigor of a lusty prime. or when the grasshopper had become a burden and the almond tree bloomed snowy white—whene'er it came,

"God's finger touched them and they slept."

Slept rather than died, for with all their faults and weaknesses and errors—and which of us dare cast the stone?—let us forget these while their virtues live.

Dead, they yet point unerringly to the narrow path, which we should ever tread, their voices ever call us to be valiant, pure and true. To those of us

"Who still on earth
The turmoil and the strife endure."

Their errors should be a guard against temptation, their bright examples prove a spur to purer thoughts and nobler deeds, their lives should ever help us climb from height to height, each loftier, clearer than the last, until at lenght, with work truly done and life well spent, we stand within the cloudless radiance of the Master's smile—"forever with the Lord."

Aye, "'Tis ever wrong to say a good man dies." His body only is claimed by Mother Earth, his spirit ever lives, even for us whom he has left to follow in the path which all must tread.

And if these partings ever speak to us in trumpet tone, how much the more when we stand, as now, with hesitating feet upon the threshold of another century.

The pages of this new chapter from the world's great book lie open before us, fair and white as our own lamb's skin, clear and unspotted for each of us to write our record as we will. What shall it be? Will Masonry be to us a mercenary means, a mere empty form, a pleasant and social episode alone, or will it so rule our lives, so shape our acts, so influence our very thoughts that not our brethren alone, but all the world,

"Shall be the better in that we have lived?"

Lived true to our trust and all our obligations, lived lives of stainless purity, so squared by the principles of truth and justice, so dedicated to the glory of God and the good of mankind that we have learned to contemplate death as the end of all afflictions, and the entrance to a better life. Nay, more, as

"The Golden Key
That opes the palace of eternity."

So let our brethren rest!

Yet, across the tideless sea, from the dim radiance of the far off shore, we may hear them say to each of us who will but listen—

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MORGAN,
Chairman Sub-Committee on The Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on The Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the report of

the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented and read the following special report on Foreign Correspondence:

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was formally organized at Perth on October 11, 1899. All the proceedings appear to have been regularly taken and with substantial unanimity in the English Lodges, 33 out of 34 joining in the movement. The Grand Master is His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, K. C. M. G., the Governor of the Colony, a Past Grand Warden of England, and District Grand Master under the English Constitution. The new body has been recognized by all the other Australian Grand Lodges and by England and Ireland. It is recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico requests an exchange of representatives, and it is recommended that the request be granted. The Grand Lodge was formed in 1885 and has now eleven Lodges, all working the York Rite. The Grand Master is Carlos B. Meltz, and the Grand Secretary is Federico Yumet, with headquarters at San Juan.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was formed in December, 1899, by three Lodges out of the four in the Republic. We are without sufficient definite information regarding this new body, and it is recommended that the committee have further time to report.

It is also recommended that the question of the recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico be deferred for the present.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HY. ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

CABLEGRAM TO ENGLAND.

By order of the M. W. the Grand Master the following cablegram was sent to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England:

Hamilton, Ont., July, 17, 1901.

E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, London, England :

The Grand Lodge of Canada, in session assembled, on behalf of thirty thousand Freemasons and British subjects, congratulates the Mother Grand Lodge of the world on the installation of a worthy successor to the great Craft ruler, who has passed from your Grand East to the throne of a United Empire.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Master.

To which the following reply was received and read:

London, July 18, 1901.

To Richard B. Hungerford, Hamilton Ont.:

His Royal Highness and the Grand Lodge received the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Canada with greatest satisfaction, and most heartily reciprocate good wishes.

E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

CABLEGRAM FROM ANTWERP.

The following cablegram from R. W. Bro. Albert Kruger, of the Grand Lodge of Belgium, was received and read:

Antwerp, July 17, 1901.

To J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, Hamilton, Ont.:

Convey fraternal greetings and heartiest wishes to the Grand Master and brethren assembled.

ALBERT KRUGER.

CREDENTIALS PRESENTED.

R. W. Bro. David B. Burch, representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, presented his credentials,

which were accepted, and the representative saluted with Grand Honors.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

Respecting Demand for a Ballot.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That section 33 of the Book of Constitution be amended by erasing the word "brother" in the 14th line and inserting the words 'ten brethren," and also by erasing the words "his place" in the 15th line and inserting the words "their places."

Respecting Ballot Papers.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That clause 3k of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding after the word "paper," in the second line, the following words, viz.: "in his personal right; nor more than one ballot paper for each Lodge legally represented by him," and by striking out the words "depositing more than one ballot paper" in the second and third lines and substituting the following, viz.: "violating this provision."

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 18th July, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 18th July, A. D. 1901.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford, G. M., on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, on behalf of the Committee on

Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives of this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 362 Warranted Lodges on the Grand Register; 206 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 78 are represented by proxy; 18 are not represented by proxy, but have Past Masters present; 60 are unrepresented in any way. There are 843 names registered, having a total of 1,444 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ROAF,
W. H. McFADDEN,
WM. COWAN,
WM. BIRRELL,
F. J. HOWELL,
Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and upon their report the following were declared duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford, London, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J .E. Harding, Lindsay, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Clappison, Hamilton, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Dyment, Thessalon, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. P. Von Pirch, Berlin, Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. James W. O'Hara, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge:

Bro. James Dyer, Windsor, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. William Roaf, Toronto.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke.

R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, London.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.

And for one year,

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.

Subsequestly the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely:

R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Kingston.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
R. W. Bro. G. S. May, Ottawa.
R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, Brampton.
R. W. Bro. R. Hillier, Leamington.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Edward Worth, Kent Bridge, Erie District No. 1.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, Watford, St. Clair District, No. 2.
R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, M. D., St. Thomas, London District, No. 3.
R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Mackay, Hensall, South Huron District, No. 4.
R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Walkerton, North Huron District, No. 5.
R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn. Woodstock, Wilson District, No. 6.
R. W. Bro. Robert Irvine, Orangeville, Wellington District, No. 7 .
R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, Hamilton, Hamilton District No. 8.
R. W. Bro. Richard Raikes, M. D., Midland, Georgian District No. 9.
R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, Dunnville, Niagara District, No .10.
R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, Parkdale, Toronto West District, No. 11.
R. W. Bro. John Watson, Toronto, Toronto East District, No. 11a.
W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Peterborough, Ontario District, No. 12.
R. W. Bro. C. H. Tumelty, Madoc, Prince Edward District, No. 13.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Smith, Tamworth, Frontenac District, No. 14.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, Lyn, St. Lawrence District, No. 15.
R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Franklin, Franklin's Corners, Ottawa District, No. 16.

R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Knight, Sault Ste .Marie, Algoma District, No. 17.

R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, M. D., Emsdale, Nipissing District, No. 18.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

It was decided by ballot that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the City of Windsor.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the rank of Past Grand Registrar be conferred upon W. Bro. Alexander Patterson, Past Master Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, and Secretary of the Toronto Board of Relief.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

The Board desire to congratulate M. W. Bro. Hungerford upon the able and successful manner in which he has conducted the business of Grand Lodge and performed the duties of his high office during the past year.

During the year many important events have occurred in the Masonic world, in all of which the M. W. the Grand Master has fully sustained the dignity of this Grand Lodge.

The Board cordially endorse and approve the references in the Grand Master's address to the death of our beloved Queen, and the congratulations cabled by the G. M. to M. W. Bro. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught on his assumption of the high office of Grand Master of England, vacated by his illustrious brother, His Majesty, King Edward VII.

With reference to the matter of the Royal Solomon Lodge, Mother Lodge of Jerusalem, and the paragraph in the Grand Master's address relating thereto, the Board recommend that immediate steps be taken towards the absolute withdrawal of that warrant unless good cause be shown why that course should not be adopted, and that in the meantime the warrant be suspended.

The Board concur with the rest of the Grand Master's address and the recommendations therein.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. R. WHITE,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

THANKS TO HAMILTON LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, seconded by R. W. Bro J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Hamilton Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, assisted by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. Bro. F. J. Winlow, Sarnia, Grand Senior Deacon.
" H. A. Taylor, Toronto, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Edwin Paull, London, Grand Supt. of Works.
" James A. Devitt, Ottawa, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" W. G. Hinds, Mitchell, Assistant Grand Secretary.
" Alex. McGachie, Woodstock, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" W. W. Greenhill, Hamilton, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Joseph Belasco, Petrolia, Grand Organist.
" M. L. Nutting, Cannington, Assistant Grand Organist.
" J. G. Cooke, Kincardine, Grand Pursuivant.

V. W. Bro. J. R. Gorrell, Westport, Grand Steward.
" J. S. Boddy, Bradford, Grand Steward.
" J. W. Crinklaw, Lambeth, Grand Steward.
" John Snyder, Lancaster, Grand Steward.
" S. G. Storey, M. D., Blenheim, Grand Steward.
" Hugh Mulholland, Picton, Grand Steward.
" W. A. Weir, Rat Portage, Grand Steward.
" T. J. Wilbee, Bridgeburg, Grand Steward.
" W. H. Smith, Drayton, Grand Steward.
" C. R. Reid, Sudbury, Grand Steward.
" Rev. John Farncomb, Newcastle, Grand Steward.
" S. B. Todd, Uxbridge, Grand Steward.
" Cecil Morrison, Pinkerton, Grand Standard Bearer.
" A. Robertson, Smith's Hill, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.40 o'clock p. m., in ample form.

ATTEST:

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

AUDI VIDE TACE

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretayr.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1901, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	Fred. Masters	Saml. Campbell
3	a The An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	Jas. A. Minnes	G. W. H. Corner.
5	a Sussex	Brockville	1st Friday	Wm. Kyle	Geo. K. Dewey
6	Barton	Hamilton	2d Monday	S. G. Moore	J. G. Gauld
7	Union	Grimsby	Th.on or b.f.m	A. E. Phillips	W. B. Vandyke
9	a Union	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m	W. S. Herrington	F. H. Perry
10	a Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu.on or b.f.m	Robt. S. McGill.	Wm. P. Kelly
11	a Moira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m	Lorne A. Marsh.	John Newton
14	a True Britons	Perth	1st Monday	J. M. Balderson	W. A. Moore
15	St. George's	St. Cathar'n's	Tu.on or b f.m	Alex McLaren	A. N. Lindsay
16	a St. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	Fred. Dane	J. F. Slater
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. J. Kerr, M. D.	Robert Buck
18	a Prince Edward	Picton	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. W. Wright	Wm. Smeaton
20	a St. Johns	London	2nd Tuesday	Oliver Ellwood	M. D. Dawson
21	a St. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu.on or b.f m	S. N. Morrison	Andrew McRae
22	a King Solomon's	Toronto	2d Thursday	Robt. McClelland	J. McKerracher
23	Richmond	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. B. Newbery	H. A. Nicholls
24	a St Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b f. m	Rich. A Bennett	J. A. Houston
25	a Ionic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	A. P. Burritt	R. R. Lockhart
26	a Ontario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	F. J. Brown	W. J. Robertson
27	a Strict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	W. E. LaChance	Wm. C. Morton
28	a Mount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	J. A. Sanders	W. L. Phelps
29	a United	Brighton	Th.on or b.f.m	F. E. Marshall	B. C. H. Becker
30	a Composite	Whitby	1st Thursday	R. L. Huggard	Jos. White
31	a Jerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Gilfillan	Jos. Patterson
32	a Amity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	Thos. Marshall	E J. Aikens
33	a Maitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	Geo. Porter	H. W. Ball
34	a Thistle	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jno. G. Huston	W. T. Wilkinson
35	St John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	R. T. Laing	W. U. Anthony
37	a King Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	Geo. J. Phillips	W. A. Woolson
38	a Trent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	E E. Ingall	W. Booth
39	a Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jno.J. Moore, MD	E. R Eddy
40	a St. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	A. P. Nicol	W. J. McAllister.
41	a St George's	Kingsville	Th.on or b.f.m	S. L. McKay	Geo. Rumble
42	a St. George's	London	1st Wednesday	Jos H. Deeks	A. Ellis
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	Isaac Geary	A. McGachie
44	a St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	F. O. Lawrence	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	F. Hanna, M. D.	S. F. Passmore
46	a Wellington	Chatham	1st Monday	W. E. Campbell	Alex. Gregory
47	a Great Western	Windsor	Th.on or b.f.m	Sam'l Buchanan	I. P. McConnell
48	a Madoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. F. Morrice	R. T. Gray
50	a Consecon	Consecon	F. on or b.f.m	D. E. S rung	D. P. Cory
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	S. C. Thompson.	S. C. Scott
54	a Vaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. A. McDonald	L. Richardson
55	a Merrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Fred. MacGowan	G. B. Magee
56	a Victoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	P. T. McGibbin	F. C. Watson
57	a Harmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m	Andrew Johnson	W. G. Fletcher
58	a Doric	Ottawa	1st Friday	John Storr	R. O. Croll
61	a Acacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	C. O Nichol	David Hastings
62	a St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	H. Arrell	John Thompson
63	a St. John s	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	Thos. Barrie	A. T. Hudson
64	a Kilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	U. A. Buchner	John Overell
65	a Rehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	Robt. W. Clewlo.	Geo. L. Ball
66	a Durham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. McLeod	E. Simmons
68	a St. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	Sidney C. Partlo	J. H. Hegler
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	Wm. D. Smith	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	D. Collins	A. J. Oliver
73	a St. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	H. A. L White	A. Carman
74	a St. James	Bethel	M. nearest f. m	W. R Collier	C. B. Murray
75	a St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	H. S. King	V. E. Hart
76	a Oxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	Jas. T Bain	Robt. Anderson
77	a Faithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	D. R. Anderson	R. G. Corneil
78	a King Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m	T. L. Armstrong.	A. L. Baker
79	a Simcoe	Bradford	4th Friday	Samuel Oldham	R. J. Spence
81	a St John's	Mt. Brydges.	Tu on or b.f.m	J. R Veale	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's	Paris	Tu. on or b.f.m	S Y. Taylor	W. Barrowclough

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1901.

the Evangelist; all others on that St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Total M'mb'p	Last Ret'rns	Ledger. Dr.Bal	Ledger. Cr.Bal	Paid Grand Lodge.
2	3	3	5	2		2					49	Jun1901			$ 32 00
3	2	2	2		5	2	1				140	"			98 75
5	2	1	2	3	3	1	2			1	146	"			91 00
6	4	10	8	1	1	5	5				329	"	$ 1 75		268 50
7	5	3	2		2	2					61	"	5 00		56 75
9	3	7	6	5	2		2	...		1	92	"		$ 2 00	73 50
10	4	5	5	2	1	1					99	Jun1900	54 50		52 50
11	8	12	10		6	1	7			1	94	Jun1901			116 00
14	7	7	5	1		2					96	"			66 50
15	5	4	1	1	...	3	1				83	"			54 50
16	15	14	9	5	3	2	4				242	"			137 25
17	6	5	5	1		1					78	"			20 00
18	9	9	8	1	...		...		...	2	199	"			114 25
20	11	8	10		2	3	2				170	"			110 50
21a	4	3	2	1			14				42	"			37 50
22	9	14	14		5	2				1	104	"	3 00		145 00
23	3	1	1		2						33	"			22 50
24	3	4	3	4	1	2	...				109	"			82 25
25	6	7	9	4	3						242	"			148 00
26	1	1	4	2	4	1	7				63	"			55 75
27	11	8	8	2	2	2	2			3	289	"	3 50		167 25
28											30	Dec. '00			15 50
29	11	14	11		1	1	1				90	Jun1901			99 75
30	8	8	7	1	3						74	"		2 00	54 00
31	5	5	7		3	1					63	"			50 25
32	7	5	3							1	77	"	38 25		48 00
33	14	10	8	1	2	1	12				115	"			74 00
34	9	8	7		1			...		1	59	"			36 50
35	5	3	4		5	3					76	"			51 25
37	3	8	9	1	1	1				1	63	"		2 00	54 00
38	1	5	6		2	1	3			1	80	"			57 50
39	1	1	1			1					22	"			22 50
40	8	8	7	3	4	9	4			1	350	"			215 50
41	2	2	...							2	90	"			71 50
42	7	5	5	2	1	2					120	Dec. '00	69 50		86 50
43	10	9	6	1	4	2	4			2	128	"			65 00
44	16	12	13	7	3	2	7			1	170	Jun1901			134 75
45	18	16	11	2	2	2	3			4	138	"	1 50		137 00
46	5	5	5	6	1	3	3	1		2	124	"			87 50
47	19	19	26	5	1	1	3			3	210	Dec. '00			207 25
48	6	7	4	2		2	11				89	"	58 25		48 50
50	1	2	2								37	Jun1901			26 00
52	11	6	7		2	1				1	130	"		6 C0	58 50
54	2	2	1		1	1					34	"			21 25
55	4	4	2	1	4	1	1				63	"			36 25
56	22	17	16	3	5	1	3			3	127	"			111 25
57	4	4	6	1	2						56	"			60 75
58	11	6	5	5	1	1	...			1	99	"			72 50
61	25	21	22	4	7	4	6				279	"			200 00
62	5	4	3								41	"	11 50		19 75
63	22	21	17		4						127	Dec. '00			131 00
64	6	5	4		1	2					171	Jun1901	10 00		139 50
65	8	6	7		5	1					225	"	2 00		110 00
66		1	1		1	2					28	"			22 00
68	3	3	2			...	2			...	85	"			50 50
69	3	1	1		4	2				2	58	"			62 00
72	10	4	3	4	1	4	8			3	89	"		2 00	55 00
73	8	9	8	1	4	2				1	72	"			42 00
74	2	2	2	1							48	"			25 00
75	9	8	8		3	2	4			2	233	"			142 75
76	8	8	10	2	2	1	...				124	"			83 75
77	16	9	5	2	1	2					105	"			62 25
78		1	1	...	1	1				1	113	Dec. '00			86 00
79	9	10	8			...	1				56	Jun1901	1 00		92 00
81	1	1	1			1	3				51	"	1 00		14 25
82	2	2	3	1	2	6	1				50	"			30 75

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1901, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	*a*Beaver	Strathroy	F. on or a.f.m	R. A. Willmott	R. F. Richardson
84	*a*Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m	J. B. Hoover	Andrew Porter
85	*a*Rising Sun	Athens	Th.on or b.f.m	J. F. Purvis, M.D.	Jas. Rose
86	*a*Wilsou	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	Geo. McLeish	Stew t M.Hughes
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f m	A. C. Reesor	R. A. Mason
88	St. George's	Owen Sound.	W. on or b.f.m	Jno. W. Marshall	Jo'n M.Campbell
90	*a*Manito	Collingwood.	W. on or a.f.m	H. G. Wyness	W. T. Herrington
91	*a*Colborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	S. S. Brintnell	Geo. Keyes
92	*a*Cataraqui	Kingston	2d Wednesd'y	Geo. McNamee	Robt. Hendry, Jr
93	*a*Northern Light	Kincardine	1st Wednesd'y	Hy. Collins	R. D. Hall
94	*a*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday	Alex. Taylor	Edw. Witty
96	*a*Corinthian	Barrie	1st Thursdry.	Jno. H. Willis	Donald Ross
97	*a*Sharon	Sharon	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. H. Trusdale	P. F. Pearson, M.D
98	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or b.f.m	R. L. Stewart	A. E. Bolton
99	*a*Tuscan	Newmarket	2d Wednesd'y	A. S. Williams	J. R. G. Brown
100	Valley	Dundas	M. b.f.m	Jas. L. Barnum	F. A. Latshaw
101	*a*Corinthian	Peterboro'	W.on or b.f.m	M. A. Morrison	H. Nesbitt
103	*a*Maple Leaf	S. Catharines	Last Thursd'y	A. J. Gilmore	H. J. Johnston
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	Geo. Sipper	G. W. Poldon
105	*a*St. Mark's	N. Falls S'th.	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. Sloggett	J. C. Hull
106	*a*Burford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	G. H. Armstrong	C. H. Pratt
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Heron	H. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m	W. C. Freeman	A. R. H ston
109	*a*Albion	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Watson	James Cooke
110	*a*Central	Prescott	1st Tuesday	J. A. Fleming	H. H. Wells
113	*a*Wilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m	Arthur J. Goold	Daniel S. Bale
114	*a*Hope	Port Hope	2nd Friday	E. Bowen	W. G. Coulter
115	*a*Ivy	Beamsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Gibson	Duncan Mayor
116	*a*Cassia	Thedford	M. ou or b.f.m	John Campbell	Geo. Sutherland
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b f.m	S. Leatherland	W. J. Brereton
119	*a*Maple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m	Jno A. Redden	F. W. Arms rong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu.ou or b.f.m	C. E. Edmonds	D. Cameron
121	*a*Doric	Brautford	3rd Friday	W. A. Robinson	Jno. H. Spence
122	*a*Renfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	Robt. C. Timmins	James Reid
123	*a*The Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	H. J. Clarke	W. H. Adams
125	*a*Cornwall	Cornwall	1st Tuesday	C. A. McHaffie	John Ridley
126	*a*Golden Rule	Cam'bellford	Fr.on or b.f.m	G. H. Pollard	Geo. L. Dickson
127	*a*Franck	Frankford	M. before f. m	Peter McKee	D. A. Bonesteel
128	*a*Pembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	A. Foster, Jr	E. A. Dunlop
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	F. on or b.f.m	J. W. Crossley	D. A. Radcliffe
131	*a*St. Lawrence	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	P. J. Scott	K. Montgomery
133	*a*Lebanon Forest	Exeter	M.on or b. f. m	Peter Gowans	C. H. Sanders
135	*a*St. Clair	Milton	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. McLeod	J. H. Peacock
136	Richardson	Stouffville	T. on or b. f. m	Jno. McGrath	Thos. Smith
137	*a*Pythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	A. H Stephen	J. Patterson
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	W. P. Stericker	W. E. N. Sinclair
140	*a*Malahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	L. Cascadden	C. F. Burdick
141	*a*Tudor	Mitchell	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Schafer	W. F. May
142	*a*Excelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m	W. E. Prunner	John Warren
143	*a*Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	Robt. Wright	D .Fink
144	*a*Tecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	T. M. Crawford	Wm. E. Brooker
145	*a*J. B. Hall	Millbrook	1st Thursday	S. W. Clarke	R. J. Doak
146	*a*Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	Percy W. Brown	G. A. Aylesworth
147	*a*Mississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	R. S. Dodds	W. S. Boyd
148	*a*Civil Service	Ottawa	2d Tuesday	E. L. Horwood	W. J. Beatty
149	*a*Erie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m	J. R. Waddell	J. Varey
151	*a*The Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday	W. V. Uttley	A. Oelschlager
153	*a*Burns	Wyoming	Th.on or b.f.m	Walter Bennett	J. M. Wilson
154	*a*Irving	Lucan	Th.on or b.f.m	Wm. Dann	Wm. Matheson
155	*a*Peterboro'	Peterboro'	1st Friday	Geo. I. Roszel	W. H Walkey
156	*a*York	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	Alex. Dixon	A. J. Brown
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rich. G. Murphy	Jas. H. Butler
158	*a*Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursd'ya.f.m	W. S. Duggan	A. M. Samis
159	*a*Goodwood	Richmond	W. on or b.f.m	F. H. Pratt	H. Reilly
161	*a*Percy	Warkworth	Wednes' b f.m	J. Humphries	J. Paddington
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	Jno Davidson	Thos. Brown

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No. of Lodge	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Total M'mb's	Last ct'rns	Ledger. Dr. Bal	Ledger. Cr. Bal	Paid Grand Lodge.
83	2	5	7	2	4		4			2	84	Dec. '00			$
84	3	1	1	1	6	1	6			2	59	Jun1901			$ 35 00
85	4	3	4		3	2	1			2	170	"	$ 6 00		37 00
86	12	14	17		3	3	3		...	2	189	"			166 25
87					1	1					36	"			21 00
88	11	10	5	2		1					87	"	3 00		47 00
90	8	7	5		2	1	2			1	114	"			105 25
91	8	8	7	2		1				1	90	"			87 00
92	9	9	7		2	4	3				122	Dec. '00			82 50
93	4	4	3		3					2	96	Jun1901			67 75
94	3	5	6								41	"			37 35
96	14	10	7	4	1	1	3			1	160	"			92 25
97	6	6	5	1		1					55	"		$ 2 00	44 00
98	2	2	2	2	1		1			2	46	Jun1900			30 00
99	4	4	3	1		1	1				52	Jun1901			34 00
100	6	6	5	4	4	1	3			2	81	"		15 50	104 00
101	11	10	7	2	1	1					85	"	3 00		69 25
103	5	9	7	1	2	...	2			1	107	"	27 75		39 00
104	7	8	7	1	3	...	1				85	"			57 50
105	3	4	1			1	7				61	"			36 75
106	6	6	6			3					63	"			44 25
107	7	6	6			1					62	"	25		43 50
108	4	3	3		1						28	"			19 75
109	2		2	2	1						59	"			35 50
110	4	4	2	4	1	2	1				93	"			57 50
113	4	2	1	1	2	1					69	Dec. '00		10 00	53 25
114	3	3	3				7				80	Jun1901			58 00
115	1	2	2	1		1				1	76	"			42 00
116		1	1								33	Dec. '00			25 25
118	2	2	1			1					20	Jun1901			11 25
119	2						2				27	"			16 25
120	4	3	3				1				38	"			18 50
121	19	19	15	6	2	2	6			3	187	"			136 25
122	5	7	7		2	3	3		...	1	102	"			73 25
123	10	15	11	6		6				1	153	"			92 00
125	2	1	2		1	2					79	"			71 25
126	1	1	1	4							41	"			20 75
127	3	3	3		3	1				1	67	"	18 00		16 00
128	5	5	4		1	2	2				123	"			71 00
129	1	5	4		3						60	"	16 50		31 00
131	3	3	5	2		1					50	"			50 25
133	2	3	4		3	2					67	"			41 50
135	8	8	8								64	"	65 50		35 50
136	5	5	6	2	3		1			1	47	"			39 75
137	5	4	2		5						59	Dec. '00			38 50
139	2	2	1		2	2				1	61	Jun1901			39 00
140	6	9	8	3		3	2				91	"	1 50		62 00
141	5	6	7	1	3		3				41	Dec. '00			41 50
142	2	2	2			...					58	Jun1901	3 00		28 00
143	10	10	8		1						98	Dec. '00			70 50
144	10	6	4	4	5		4			2	116	Jun1901			88 00
145	2	2	2			1				1	48	"	1 00		23 75
146	1	1				1					44	"			26 50
147	17	18	17			1	7				79	"		2 00	133 75
148		1	1	2	7	1	2		...	1	76	Dec. 00			40 00
149	2	1				1					56	"	8 50		40 00
151	12	12	12		5	1					104	Jun1901			96 50
153	5	5	3		6	1	4			1	67	"	19 50		72 00
154	6	4	3	1	2	1	3			1	55	"			46 00
155	11	8	14	1	2	4				1	125	"			108 50
156	2				4						82	"			51 00
157	2	2	1								54	"			29 50
158	2	1	2		1						53	"			30 00
159	5	1			1						70	"			66 00
161	4	2	1								50	Dec. '00			36 75
162					5						19	Jun1901			11 25

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1901, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East .	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. S. Christy	C.S.Cunningham
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	A.H.Speers,M.D.	W. Wiggins
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	Erland Lee	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	D. Ross.....	W. E. Barker ...
169	aMacnab.....	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. D. Winn.....	John Cook
170	aBritannia.....	Seaforth	1st Monday....	L. C. Jackson ...	J. O. Rose.....
171	aPrince of Wales .	Lawre'ceSt'n	F. on or a.f.m	C. H. Smith	J. A. McIntyre ...
172	aAyr	Ayr.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Cassie	Robt. Anderson
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan..	Th.on or b.f.m	W. H. Meek	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa.....	2d Friday.....	J. S. McCracken	H. H. Cairns ...
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville ...	F. on or b.f.m	A. L Willson.....	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Weir	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jno. Kemp.....	M. G. Burwell ..
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow....	Th.on or b.f.m	I. Morrison	Harry Days
185	aEnniskillen.....	York	M. on or b.f.m	Byron Bond	RevC.Scudamore
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	M. W. Shepherd	W.A.Chamberl'n
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	David Lawson ...	Jas. McMillan ...
192	aOrillia	Orillia.....	F. on or b.f.m	R. N. Calversley	John M. Bain.....
193	aScotland	Scotland.....	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. E. Potts	E. H. Malcolm...
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday	J.D.Cunningham	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan.....	London	1st Monday....	E. Maingault .	P.W.D.Broderick
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior	2d Monday.....	A. Hood	N. Campbell
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton ...	2d Tuesday....	Chas H. Lount...	J. W. Bundy
200	St. Alban's.....	Mo ntForest	F. on or b.f.m	R. O. Kilgour	S. A. Pennock ...
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque..	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. J. Skinner ..	W. Y. Boyd.....
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday.....	Thos. Godfrey ..	Edward Burns...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	J s. Barber	A. S. Fraser.....
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. W. Ross ...	W. N. McGillis...
209a	St. John's	London	1st Friday.....	T. H. Weldon.....	T. A Rowat
209	Evergreen	Lanark.....	1st Tuesday...	A. Buffam	W. A. Fields
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday....	Jo n Kennedy ...	Thos. Lappen ...
215	Lake	Amelias burg	F. on or b.f.m	M. B. Noxon	Geo. E. Roblin ...
216	aHarris	Orangeville..	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. A. Hutchison ...	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	M. on or b.f.m	G. G. Byers.....	A. W. Crysler...
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday.....	Jackson L. Little	W. G. Jones
219	aCredit	Georgetown..	F. on or b.f.m	A. Sykes	T. A. Earngey..
220	aZeradatha.....	Uxbridge.....	M. on or b.f.m	J. A. Purdy.....	J. G. Vicars.....
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Munro ...	W. T. Fish.....
222	aMarmora	Marmora.....	Tuesd'y b.f.m	Jon. McWilliams	J. A. Hubbell.....
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. C. Moffat	Jas. Anderson...
224	aZurich	Hensall.....	Th.on or b.f.m	Hy. J. D. Cooke...	Jas. Bonthron ...
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	W. E. Binning ...	D. D. Campbell
228	aPrince Arthur ...	Odessa.....	M. on or a.f.m	R. L. Gilbert.....	Robt. Bennett...
229	aIonic	Brampton....	3rd Tuesday...	A. J. Hood	A. Morton
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	3rd Monday...	H. Lennox	C. V. Bennett.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa.....	3rd Tuesday..	W. A. Halliday...	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Hockin ...	R. W. Anglin
233	aDoric	Park Hill.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	A.W. Humphries	F. J. Hutchins...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm Reesie	J. H. Dickinson...
235	Aldworth	Paisley.....	F. on or b.f.m	D. N. McIntyre...	W. J. Chisholm .
236	aManitoba.....	Cookstown...	Th.on or a.f.m	Alex. Mackay ...	H. Coleman
237	Vienna.....	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Hawkins ...	Geo. Thornton..
238	Havelock	Watford.....	Tues.befb.f.m	S. B. Howden ...	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	W. D. Davis	Jas. Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	S. A. Guild.....	D. S. Mallory.....
243	aSt George	St. George....	Th.on or b.f.m	M. W. Horning...	D. H. Nellis.....
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	G. G. Hopkins ...	W. C. Armstrong
247	aAshlar	Toronto.....	4th Tuesday...	A. Y. Scott	W.Sumner Ziller
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Tu on or b.f.m	F. G. Walbridge	R. F. White
250	Thistle.....	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	R. H. Green	Columbns Ross..
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Mundell ...	T D. Minnes.....
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls...	1st Thursday..	F. J. Gribble....	Alex. Gray.....
255	Sydenham...	Dresden	2d Thursday..	J. S. Wiley, M.D.	H. S. McDonald
256	aFarran's Point...	Aultsville.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. M. Cook	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	Duncan Murray	Jas. A. Carrick...

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No. of Lodge.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total Mmbrs	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
164	3	3	3		2	1					63	Dec. '00			$ 57 50
165	10	6	7	1			2				58	Jun1901			43 25
166	10	10	9			1	7			1	30	Dec. '00	1 00		80 00
168	9	5	5		1	1					70	Jun1901			51 00
169	3	3	3		2	2				2	55	"			57 50
170	3	4	5	1	3						88	"			57 25
171	5	5	4		2		2				40	"			37 00
172	4	4	2	1	3	1	11				38	Jun 1900			35 50
174	1	1	3								56	Jun1901			31 75
177	3	5	7	1	6		1			3	130	"	35 00		100 75
178	5	3	3		1						42	"			33 50
180	1	1	2	1	6		3				77	"			47 75
181		1	1							1	30	"			20 75
184	10	8	3	1	1		1				52	"			28 25
185						1	5			1	21	"	31 50		1 00
186	1	1	1		4						28	"			15 00
190		2	2		1						30	"			19 25
192	3	2	4	4	2		5			1	94	"	48 00		56 00
193	4	4	4			1					59	"			41 50
194	3	3	2	1	1	2	6			1	79	"			52 25
195	3	7	7		3	1					82	Dec. '00	10 00		52 50
196	6	4	7	2	3	1				2	90	Jun1901			66 75
197	8	9	6	1		4					58	"			44 25
200	1	2	2				2				44	"	15 00		14 00
201	9	8	10		4						98	"			112 75
203	5	4	4	2	4						51	"			46 00
205	3	3	3								38	June '99		2 00	23 50
207											44	June '98			6 00
209a	15	15	13	1	1		2			2	171	Dec. '00			173 25
209	1		1		1	1					43	Jun1901			18 00
212						2	4				22	"			14 00
215	3	3	3	1	2	1				1	62	"			39 75
216	6	4	2	2	1	1					114	"			175 50
217	9	9	7	1				1		3	52	"	47 74		
218	1	2	3		1	1				3	187	Dec. '00		1 00	124 25
219	8	11	5	2		1				1	70	Jun1901	3 00		75 00
220	6	6	4	1	1						76	"			43 50
221	4	4	5	1	2		5			3	69	"			50 50
222	4	5	5	1	1					3	62	"			41 00
223											21	June '99	1 00		20
224	16	16	16	2						1	60	Jun1901			73 00
225	2	2	1	1	6		2			2	85	"			54 30
228	3	3	2	1			1			1	37	"	3 00		21 00
229	3	3	4		3						70	"			45 50
230	3	3	4	1	5	1	4				99	"			73 00
231	9	11	13	1	1		7			3	101	"			92 25
232	7	8	7	1						2	43	"			40 00
233	1	2	1							1	43	"			33 25
234	1	1	1		1						56	Dec. '00	15 00		35 00
235											38	Jun1900			12 50
236	4	4	3	1	1						34	Jun1901		6 00	27 00
237	5	5	5	1	1	1	3				40	"			46 50
238	1	1	1		3						56	"		2 00	36 00
239											52	June '98	24 50		5 00
242	8	12	14	1	1					3	61	Jun1901			84 50
243	3	4	3				1				49	"			32 00
245	2	2	2	1	3			1			56	"			30 00
247	15	14	19	6	2	1	6			1	204	"		2 00	170 00
249	15	11	9	4	1	2					74	"			48 50
250											27	"			22 50
253	2	2	3	2	1	2	4			1	74	"			41 00
254	4	6	6		1	2				1	90	"			54 00
255	2	2	2		1						51	Dec. '00			31 50
256		1	1			1	3				66	Jun1901			38 75
257	10	11	11	2	2	1	3	1			72	"	8 50		63 25

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1901, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
258	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	J. R. McDowell	W. A. Mahoney
260	a Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesd'y	Bruce Dunlop	J. M. Hattie
261	a Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th.on or b.f.m	Samuel Perry	W. H. Nesbitt
262	a Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	H.A. McCullough	E. W. Lambert
263	a Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Bartram	P. W. Campbell
264	a Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	Walter M. Ross	W. H. Morgan
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th.on or b.f.m	Robt. Forbes	A. Muckle
266	a Northern Light	Sayner	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. McLeod	J. W. Bethune
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesd'y	W. Irving	Chas. R. Cape
268	a Verulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	W. H. Hamilton	David Allison
269	a Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	U.E.Bates'n, M.D	D. R. Beaton
270	a Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	L. C. Smith	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.	John Willis	J. L. Leatch
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	G.D.Farmer,M.D	C. H. Stuart
274	a Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m	John Cocker	J. Crookshank
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m	Francis P Moore	James Gallagher
277	a Seymour	P Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	John Green	Jno. A. Graham
279	New Hope	Hespler	W. on or b.f.m	Walter Renwick	A. J. Brewster
282	Lorne	Glenroe	Th.onor b.f.m	Jacob Huston	Edwin Gale
283	a Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m	F. D. Diamond	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jno. Wright	Jas. Irwin
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Ira Clark	H. M. Wright
286	a Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	H. O. Bell	T. A. Morton
287	a Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	John Ritchie	Jas. W. Morgan
289	a Doric	Lobo	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. D. Dewar	P.L.Graham,MD
290	a Leamington	Leamington	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Baker	R. J. Kerr
291	a Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. K. Jones	Alfred Jones
292	a Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Arch. McCallum	Jno. H. Precious
293	a T. Roy. Sol Moth	Jerusal'm Pa	1st Wednesd'y	W. H. Kayat	Kalil Saadeh,MD
294	a Moore	Courtright	Th.on or b.f.m	Da d M.Johnston	R. G. Stewa t
295	a Conestogo	Drayton	Tu.on or a.f.m	Jno. G. Coram	W. H. Smith
296	a Temple	St Catharin's	Last Wednes	Jno. C N tman	E. J. Lovelace
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Z. A. Hall	Jos. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th.on or b.f.m	A. R. Carscallen	T. V. Anderson
300	a Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. L. Guest	M. N. Wright
302	St David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	J A. Kilpatrick	Fred. S. Lewis
303	a Blyth	Blyth	Tu.on or a.f.m	J. B. Turnay	J. M. Hamilton
304	Minerva	Stroud	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Adams	Jas. Black
305	a Humber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. T. Franks	Rev.Chas.H.Rich
306	Durham	Durham	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Hunter	W. H. Bean
307	a Arkona	Arkona	Th.on or b.f.m	H. A. Spearman	Fred. Nelson
309	a Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Young	John Varcoe
311	a Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	Albert Harris	T. A. Agar
312	a Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	Peter Crawford	E. E. Parker
313	a Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	A. V. Hill	R. Q. Dench
314	a Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m	Henry Clements	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	R. M. Hazelwood	M.B. Mathewson
316	a Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	Frank C. Cooke	H C. Griffith
318	Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	Jno. A. Butler	Alf. Kaufman
319	a Hiram	Hagersville	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. H. Foreman	F. S. Lindsay
320	a Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Eliot	J. G. Gillespie
321	a Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	A. J. McKinnon	W. R. Kenney
322	a North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m	H. Wright	Robt. McDowell
323	a Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. E. Germain	R. Code
324	a Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	Geo. H. Carley	Thos. Pedler
325	a Orono	Orono	Th.on or b.f.m	R. C McCullagh	Thomas Smith
326	a Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	Jno. Bastedo	W. C. Eddis
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	3rd Tuesday	T. A. Mulligan	J. T. McKillop
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	W. L. Toohill	W.H. Sutherland
329	a King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	Jno. Thompson	Dav d Hill
330	a Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	W. H. Irvine	C. H. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. G. Wallace	A. Hutchison
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	C. A. Mayberry	A. C. Crosby
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	W. J. Ballamy	R. N. H nderson
334	a Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu.on or b.f.m	F.Chadwick,Rev.	Norman Ross

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No. of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total Number	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
258	6	4	4			1					85	Jun1901			$ 25 75
260	3	4	4		1	1	2				76	"	$68 50		1 00
261	4	3	3		1		1				24	"			12 50
262	9	4	3	1							69	"			48 75
263	8	7	5		2					1	75	"			43 00
264	25	23	20	2	2	5	5			1	120	Dec. '00			214 75
265	4	4	3		1	2					37	Jun1901			37 50
266					1		5				20	Dec. '00			20 00
267	3	3	2				3			1	57	"			71 00
268	1				2	1					26	Jun1901			14 50
269	1	1	...	2							36	Dec. '00	20 75		23 25
270	2	2	2	1	2	3					65	Jun1901			61 00
271	2				3					1	50	"			39 25
272	18	15	13	1	1						78	"		13 00	86 50
274	6	4	6	1	1	1				1	67	"			45 50
276	2	2	1	1	2	1				2	25	"		2 00	14 50
277	2	2	2	1	1		2				28	"			12 50
279		2	2	1	1	2					54	"			35 00
282	2	1	1		1	1					46	"			27 50
283	3	2	4				2			1	63	"			39 25
284		1	2	1							61	Dec. '00	15 75		19 50
285	4	5	4	3			2				38	Jun1901			27 00
286	9	8	7	3	1	2					51	"			30 00
287	6	4	3	2	2	3	5				98	"			62 50
289						1	4				43	"			36 25
290	3	2	4	1	4	2	10				93	"			53 75
291	3	4	3		3					1	49	"			31 00
292	2	1	1		4	1	1				41	"			34 75
293											28	June '99	4 00		
294											29	Jun1900			10 25
295	3	3	3		5					2	31	Jun1901			47 50
296	3	2	1	2							64	"	16 75		
297	3	3	5		2			...			34	"			33 75
299	2	1									31	"	1 00		24 50
300	...						1			2	37	"			38 50
302	26	21	19	2	6					4	143	"	42 25		76 25
303					2						51	"	2 00		26 50
304	3	3	3								23	"			13 00
305	8	5	5	2	1	3				1	46	"			32 00
306	1	1	2		1	3				4	35	"			19 75
307	3	2	2	1	5	1					35	"			23 00
309	5	5	6		2					2	48	"		10 00	41 00
311											33	June '99			
312	4	3	1	3	1	1	7			14	68	Jun1901			38 25
313	4	3	3		1		3				50	"			40 75
314				1							58	"			40 25
315	1	1			1	1	2				25	"			17 00
316	12	12	12	1	11	2	2				143	"	112 25		110 75
318							1			1	31	"	2 00		
319											35	Dec. '00	10 25		1 00
320	7	4	4		2		9				89	Jun1901			49 75
321	6	7	6	1	1						37	"			24 25
322	9	5	3	1			3			1	78	"			57 50
323	4	4	5	1	1		5				57	"			61 00
324	20	21	17	5	4	3	5				268	"	83 75		114 50
325	1		3		1						30	"			29 50
326	27	25	25	3	6	3					335	"		18 00	502 25
327	3	8	3	1	3	1					23	Jun1900			10 00
328						3					39	Dec. '99			
329	...			2	1	...	3				11	Jun1901			11 50
330	13	11	9		2					4	103	"			60 25
331	6	6	4		1		5				30	"	1 50		25 75
332	7	2	4	3	1						157	"			113 25
333	8	7	6		1						50	"			29 50
334	4	4	3	2	3		4			3	46	"			80 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1901, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	*a*Highgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	F. H. Foster	Sol. Gosnell
337	*a*Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. B. Bennett	Wm. Robertson
338	Dufferin	Welland port	Tu.on or b.f.m	M. H. Prentiss	D. C. Holmes
339	*a*Orient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Geo. Moore	F. H. Anderson
341	*a*Bruce	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. M. Bowie	J. S. Evans
343	Georgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	W. M. Grant	J. M. Sumner
344	Merrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th.on or b.f.m	Fred. L. Wood	John Sharp
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. H. Reid	J. McDougall
346	*a*The Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesd'y	Harry G. Brown	John Lillie
347	*a*Mercer	Fergus	1st Friday	Jas. J. Craig	James Beattie
348	*a*Georgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday	W. J. Martin	N. J. Jeuny
352	*a*Granite	Parry Sound	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. J. Lee	D. Macfarlane
354	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. McLachlan	Joseph A. Kift
356	*a*River Park	Streetsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	T. H. Goodison	Wm. Taylor
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. E. Smith	Jas. E. Stewart
358	*a*Delaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. McGregor	Jas Finch
359	*a*Vittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. W. Collver	John Pow
360	*a*Muskoka	Bracebridge	Tu.on or b.f.m	P. A. Smith	Issac Huber
361	*a*Waverley	Guelph	4th Monday	John A. McLean	W. J Greenshield
362	*a*Maple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	L. G. Briggs	C. E. Start
364	*a*Dufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	J. F. James, M.D.	Jas. Coulter
367	*a*St. George	Toronto	1st Friday	Geo. K. Clemens	R. C. Gallagher
368	Salem	Brockville	2nd Monday	W. H. Mowat	E. A Geiger
369	*a*Mimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	E. Bull, M. D.	R. A. Montgom'ry
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	H. S. Davidson	J. W. Russell
371	*a*Prince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	W. J. McCoy	John B. Wright
372	*a*Palmer	Bridgeburg	Tu.on or a.f.m	J. R. Mencke	J. G. Watts
373	*a*Copestone	Welland	1st Thur day.	G. W. Sutherland	Thomas Main
374	*a*Keene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	John Lancaster	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	*a*Lorne	Omemee	1st Thursday	G. S. Cameron	Hugh Murray
376	*a*Unity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	W. H. Matthews	George Walton
377	*a*Lorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	John Palmer	Chas. Mason
378	*a*King Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	Richard Oke	W. Nicholl
379	*a*Middlesex	Bryanston	W.on or b.f.m.	Rev. J. J. Noble	Wm. Smibert
380	*a*Union	London	2nd Monday	John Lawson	Jos. Ward
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	G. H. Lanigan	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	*a*Henderson	W. Winch'ter	1st Tuesday	W. J. Fraser	Anson W. Beach
384	*a*Alpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	F. Blackburn	E. J. Voss
385	*a*Spry	Beeton	W.on or a.f.m	A. Goldsmith	J. M. Sissons
386	*a*McColl	West Lorne	Tu on or b.f.m	Peter McNicol	W. A. Becker
387	*a*Lansdowne	Lansdowne	Th.on or b.f.m	M. R. McDonald	Rev. C. J. Young
388	Henderson	Ilderton	M.on or b.f.m	J. H. Patrick	R. H. Morgan
389	*a*Crystal Fountain	N Augusta	W.on or b.f.m	W. H. Waddell, M.D	G. W. Chapman
390	*a*Florence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	J. A. Rannie	J. D. McMillan
391	*a*Howard	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	J. Clocke	W. H. Ellsworth
392	*a*Huron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Strong	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	Jas. Edar	C. J. Halliday
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Baigent	Jas. Clubb
395	Parvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	A. G. Moffat	Thos. Beattie
396	*a*Cedar	Wiarton	Tu.on or b.f.m	S. J. Cameron	S. E. Forster
397	*a*Leopold	Brigden	Wed b.f.m	James Smith	H. J. Leacock
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	W.on or b.f.m.	Ed. Mosgrove	Jos. McClelland
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W.on or b.f.m	Wm. McKee	S. E. Facey
400	*a*Oakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. S. Forster	C. A. Bradbury
401	*a*Craig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	Chas E. Ravin	A. C. Stover
402	*a*Central	Essex	W on or b.f.m	O. H Bricker	R. J. Shaw
403	*a*Windsor	Windsor	1st Friday	Fred. P. Gavin	Jas. C. Guillot
404	*a*Lorne	Tamworth	F. on or a f.m	Jas. M. Smith	Jas. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	John H. Bell	W. G. Dinwoodie
406	*a*The Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W on or b.f.m	H. H. Graham	Rev. W. Farncomb
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. McKay	W. Williamson
409	*a*Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. Winfield	A. A. Mowry
410	*a*Zeta	Toronto	4th Friday	R. H. Christie	J. F. Faulds
411	*a*Rodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Fred. C. Brown	T.W. Kirpatrick.
412	*a*Keystone	S. St. Marie	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. Roberts	C. W. McCrea
413	*a*Naphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu.on or b.f.m	Albert Stevason	W. A. Hutton

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No. of Lodge.	Initiat'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined	Withdrawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'l'd	Rest'd	Total Mmb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge
336	7	7	4	2						1	60	Jun1901	$ 63 75		$ 22 00
337	4	4	4				1			3	27	"	50		23 50
338						1					23	"	31 50		12 00
339	26	27	23	4	3	3				2	179	"			162 00
341	2	1	1		3		6				30	Dec. '00			21 75
343	7	11	10		6	2	3				206	Jun1901			167 75
844					3						26	"			14 00
345	1	1	1								29	Dec. '00			25 50
346	14	9	10	1	4	2	1			3	162	Jun1901			139 50
347	4	4	4	3							40	"			30 75
348	5	4	4	2							34	Dec '99	11 00		31 50
352	2	4	5			1					64	Jun1901			50 00
354	7	7	3		3		3			1	55	"		1 00	36 25
356					2	1				1	34	"			20 25
357	14	13	8		2						54	"		2 00	49 00
358	3	3	3	1							44	"	10 00		21 50
359	1	1	1		1	1					36	"			22 50
360	12	9	8	4	1		1			1	53	"			42 75
361	6	6	5	2	4					4	106	"	2 00		69 50
362	3	2		1	1	1					42	"			21 00
364	9	7	6		3	1				2	33	"	72 50		1 00
367	19	15	12	4	4		6			1	166	"			138 00
368	3	4	4	1	2						92	"		16 25	51 00
369	4	3	5	1	1					2	65	"			33 00
370	2	1	1		1	1	1			1	65	Dec. '00			37 00
371	9	6	4		2		2				76	Jun1901			53 25
372	1					1				1	56	"			39 00
373	8	7	4	1	1		3	1			38	"	1 50		29 50
374	2	3	2			1					29	"			20 00
375	3	3	3		1	1					35	"	42 00		28 00
376	7	6	7	2							85	"			41 00
377	8	7	7	1	10		3				50	"			46 25
378	8	5	6		1	3	3			1	68	"			43 50
379	1	1	1		2	1					37	Dec. '00			17 25
380	8	8	9	1	1	1				7	1 2	"			112 50
382	18	18	13	6	1	3				3	170	Jun1901	1 50		112 50
383	7	6	5	2			4				52	"			36 00
384	13	5	6	4	3	4	6			1	206	Dec. '00			184 00
385	9	6	2		2						40	Jun1901			21 00
386	5	4	3								45	"			44 00
387	2	4	1								20	"			28 25
388	2	4	7	1	2	..				1	41	"			54 25
389											38	Jun1900			19 00
390			1		1		1				23	Jun1901			14 75
391	4	4	6		4	1	4			1	57	"			55 25
392	2	5	5		2						52	"			41 25
393	2	2	1				4				31	"			62 50
394	3	3	3	1	4		4			2	59	"			38 00
395	1	1	1	1	1						44	"			26 50
396	5	5	6			1					78	"			53 00
397	4	2	1	1							51	"	3 25		43 00
398	1	1	1		1		1				31	Dec. '00			19 75
399	2	1	1								27	Jun1901		2 00	13 00
400	1	1	1				1				84	Dec. '01			73 25
401	5	2	3		5	2					52	Jun1900			66 75
402	4	5	5	1	2	1					59	"			52 00
403	5	5	9	2	1					1	135	Dec. '00			127 25
404					6					1	36	Jun1901		2 00	31 00
405	9	7	7	1	7	2					77	"			70 25
406	3	4	3	2	1		2			1	42	"			33 00
408	5	5	4				2				35	"	1 50		13 50
409	3	5	4				3				39	"			40 75
410	13	9	12	4	6		9			2	118	"			89 75
411											37	Jun '99			4 00
412	8	8	7	10	6					1	95	Jun1901			61 00
413	7	7	8		1	1	3				66	"	28 00	. ..	70 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1901, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Pequonga	Rat Portage	1st Wednesd'y	J. A. Warren	J. M. Gould
415	*a*Fort William	Fort William	W. on or b.f.m	F. C. Perry	Wm. Western
416	Lyn	Lyn	W. on or b.f.m	W. E. Cumming	Maurice Br wn
417	*a*Keewatin	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday	R. H. Gilchrist	A. J. Holmes
418	*a*Maxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday	A. A. Sproule	Geo. Munroe
419	*a*Bismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday	O. S. Clark	B F. George
420	*a*Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Thursday	A. C. Rorabeck	W. Martin, Jr.
421	*a*Scott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	Wm McIntyre	J. A. V. Preston
422	*a*Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Johns	C. E. Bailey
423	*a*Strong	Sundridge	3d Wednesday	A. J. Whitby	A. A. Anderson
424	*a*Doric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m	Alex. Falconer	R.M.Batem'n MD
425	*a*St. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	Robt. A. Stokes	T. C. Cowan,M.D
426	*a*Stanley	W. Tor June	1st Tuesday	J.W.Wansbrou'h	J. R. Royce
427	*a*Nickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesd'y	J. S. Gills	Chris. R. Reid
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F. on or b. f.m	Wm. A. Beatty	Wm. Spence
429	*a*Port Elgin	Port Elgin	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. Hutton	J. T. Lillie
430	*a*Acacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday	R. D. Adams	Thos. Brownlee
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a. f.m	Chas. Elder	W. J. Loughlan
432	*a*Hanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	Jno. W. Stone	J. W. Sutherland
433	*a*Bonnechere	Eganville	2nd Monday	Albert Lullof	Frank Lullof
434	*a*Algonquin	Emsdale	Tu.on ora.f.m	W. L. B. Hamlin	J. D. Reid
435	*a*Havelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m.	T. H. Cummings	A. Kinewasser
436	*a*Burns	Hepworth	Tu.on or a.f.m	Thos. Reid	W. H. Lawson
437	*a*Tuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	W. F. Wrighton	J. M. Wilkins
438	Harmony	Toronto	4th Monday	E. C. Davies	Jas. R. Code
439	*a*Alexandria	Alexandria	1st Wednesd'y	Jno. Simpson	E. H. Tiffany
440	*a*Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	D. J. Hartle	W. S. Munn
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday	A. W. Gray	J. E. Whaley
442	Dyment	Thessalon	Th on or b.f.m	A. R. Cade	F. Leighfield
443	Powassan	Powassan	2nd Friday	W. J. Trenouth	A. H. Porter
444	Nitetis	Creemore	Tu. on or a.f.m	A. H. Watson	Jos. Hood
445	Lake of the Woods	Rat Portage	2nd Wednes'y.	W.J.Chapman MD	T. R. Deacon
446	Granite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Floyd	Jno. A. Smith
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Fl's	2nd Monday	A. J. Young	A. Bridgman
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	Tu. on or bef.	Jas. Reynolds	
U.D	Dundalk	Dundalk	W. on or bef.	Jas Clarey	
U.D	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Th. on or bef.	T. F. McWaters	J. A. Ferguson

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1901.—*Continued.*

No. of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'ld	Rest'd.	Total Mmbrs	Last Retrns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
414	9	10	10	5	1	1	7			1	111	Jun1901		1 75	$ 62 00
415	10	8	8		4	1					68	"	3 50		87 75
416		1	1	1	1	1					23	"			16 00
417	6	5	5		1	1					55	"	3 00		40 75
418	8	8	8	1		2				1	59	"	16 75		27 00
419	7	9	6		2	1				2	76	"			51 25
420	3	3	2	1	3	1				2	81	"			29 25
421	9	5	3								65	"	1 50		33 75
422	5	7	5	1	1		1				49	"			42 50
423	8	6	4		5		5				44	"			35 75
424	3	3	2		1						37	"			33 50
425	5	6	6	1	2						46	"			39 50
426	18	17	15	5	1						167	"	6 00		144 75
427	7	8	6		2						106	"			145 00
428	4	4	4	1	1	1					60	"			97 20
429		1					1				39	Dec. '00			18 75
430	9	8	2	1			2				84	Jun1901			49 50
431	2	2	2	...	2	1					40	"			34 50
432	4	3	3		2						37	"			4 00
433	6	6	8		1		3				40	"			50 50
434	2	2	3			1					41	Dec. '00			30 00
435	7	7	4	1	2					...	58	Jun1901			15 25
436	1	4	2								31	Dec. '00			19 25
437	11	12	11	3	1	...					70	Jun1901	2 00		71 50
438	10	9	10	1	3	1	2			1	20	Dec. '00			202 00
439	4	4	4	2	1						41	Jun1901	2 00		41 00
440	10	8	10	2	1	1					41	"		3 00	63 25
441	3	3	3				1				30	"			22 75
442	3	4	2							1	52	Jun1900		2 00	15 25
443	4	3	3			1					29	Jun1901			21 00
444	4	3	3								31	"	4 00		31 00
445	5	4	2		1	1	1				27	"	7 25		
446	5	5	6	1	2		1				43	"	3 00		52 50
447	9	14	11	3							37	"		16 00	61 25
448											12				20 00
Dundalk		U.	D.	...							16				20 00
Hawkesbury			U.	D.							12				20 90
												Inter'st	Gen'ral	Fund...	3039 63
												"	Asy'um	"	410 00
												P. M.	Certifi-	cates....	1 00
												Dispen-	sations		49 00
												Miscel-	laneous		34 50
	1968	1847	1703	355	587	293	495	4		219	26939		1406 25	145 50	23499 88

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Edward Worth, Kent Bridge.

No	34,	Thistle	No.	327,	The Hammond
"	41,	St. George	"	336,	Highgate
"	46,	Wellington	"	386,	McColl
"	47,	Great Western	"	390,	Florence
"	245,	Tecumseh	"	391,	Howard
"	255,	Sydenham	"	395,	Parvaim
"	267,	Parthenon	"	402,	Central
"	274,	Kent	"	403,	Windsor
"	282,	Lorne	"	411,	Rodney
"	290,	Leamington	"	413,	Naphtali
"	312,	Pnyx	"	422,	Star of the East

		Amherstburg			Wardsville
		Kingsville			Highgate
		Chatham			West Lorne
		Windsor			Florence
		Thamesville			Ridgetown
		Dresden			Comber
		Chatham			Essex
		Blenheim			Windsor
		Glencoe			Rodney
		Leamington			Tilbury Centre
		Wallaceburg			Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, Watford.

No.	56	Victoria	No.	294,	Moore
"	81,	St. John's	"	307,	Arkona
"	83,	Beaver	"	323,	Alvinston
"	116,	Cassia	"	328,	Ionic
"	153,	Burns	"	364,	Dufferin
"	158,	Alexandra	"	392,	Huron
"	194,	Petrolea	"	397,	Leopold
"	238,	Havelock	"	419,	Bismarck
"	260,	Washington	"	425,	St. Clair
"	263,	Forest	"	437,	Tuscan

		Sarnia			Courtright
		Mt. Brydges			Arkona
		Strathroy			Alvinston
		Thedford			Napier
		Wyoming			Melbourne
		Oil Springs			Camlachie
		Petrolea			Brigden
		Watford			Point Edward
		Petrolea			Sombra
		Forest			Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, M. D. St. Thomas

No.	20,	St. John's	No.	289,	Doric
"	42,	St. George's	"	300,	Mt. Olivet
"	44,	St. Thomas	"	302,	St. David's
"	64,	Kilwinning	"	330,	Corinthian
"	94,	St. Mark's	"	344,	Merrill
"	107,	St. Paul's	"	345,	Nilestown
"	120,	Warren	"	358,	Delaware Valley
"	140,	Malahide	"	378,	King Solomon's
"	171,	Prince of Wales	"	379,	Middlesex
"	190,	Belmont	"	380,	Union
"	195,	Tuscan	"	388,	Henderson
"	209*a*,	St. John's	"	394,	King Solomon
"	232,	Cameron	"	399,	Moffat

		London			Lobo
		London			Thorndale
		St. Thomas			St. Thomas
		London			London East
		Port Stanley			Dorchester Station
		Lambeth			Nilestown
		Fingal			Delaware
		Aylmer			London W
		Lawrence			Bryanston
		Belmont			London
		London			Ilderton
		London			Thamesford
		Dutton			Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. T. McKay, Hensall.

No.	33,	Maitland	No.	205,	New Domini'n
"	73,	St. James'	"	224,	Zurich
"	84,	Clinton	"	233,	Doric
"	133,	Lebanon Forest	"	303,	Blyth
"	141,	Tudor	"	309,	Morning Star
"	144,	Tecumseh	"	318,	Wilmot
"	154,	Irving	"	332,	Stratford
"	170,	Britannia			

		Goderich			New Hamb'n
		St. Mary's			Hensall
		Clinton			Park Hill
		Exeter			Blyth
		Mitchell			Smith's Hill
		Stratford			Baden
		Lucan			Stratford
		Seaforth			

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Walkerton.

No	93,	Northern Light	No.	331,	Fordwich
"	131,	St. Lawrence	"	341,	Bruce
"	162,	Forest	"	362,	Maple Leaf
"	184,	Old Light	"	393,	Forest
"	197,	Saugeen	"	396,	Cedar
"	225,	Bernard	"	429,	Port Elgin
"	235,	Aldwor h	"	431,	Moravian
"	276,	Teeswater	"	432,	Hanover
"	284,	St. John's	"	436,	Burns
"	286,	Wingham			

		Kincardine			Fordwich
		Southampton			Tiverton
		Wroxeter			Tara
		Lucknow			Chesley
		Walkerton			Wiarton
		Listowel			Port Elgin
		Paisley			Eden Grove
		Teeswater			Hanover
		Brussels			Hepworth
		Wingham			

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn, Woodstock.

No.	10,	Norfolk	Simcoe	No. 149,	Erie	Port Dover
"	37,	King Hiram	Ingersoll	" 174,	Walsingham	Port Rowan
"	43,	King Solomon	Woodstock	" 178,	Plattsville	Plattsville
"	68,	St. John's	Ingersoll	" 181,	Oriental	Port Burwell
"	76,	Oxford	Woodstock	" 193,	Scotland	Scotland
"	78,	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	" 217,	Frederick	Delhi
"	82,	St. John's	Paris	" 237,	Vienna	Vienna
"	104,	St. John's	Norwich	" 250,	Thistle	Embro
"	106,	Burford	Burford	" 261,	Oak Branch	Innerkip
"	108,	Blenheim	Princeton	" 359,	Vittoria	Vittoria
"	113,	Wilson	Waterford			

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine, Orangeville.

No.	72,	Alma	Galt	No. 279,	New Hope	Hespeler
"	151,	The Grand River	Berlin	" 295,	Conestogo	Drayton
"	172,	Ayr	Ayr	" 297,	Preston	Preston
"	180,	Speed	Guelph	" 306	Durham	Durham
"	200,	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	" 314	Blair	Palmerston
"	203,	Irvine	Elora	" 315,	Clifford	Clifford
"	216,	Harris	Orangeville	" 334,	Prince Arthur	Arthur
"	257,	Galt	Galt	" 347,	Mercer	Fergus
"	258,	Guelph	Guelph	" 361.	Waverley	Guelph
"	262.	Harriston	Harriston	" 421.	Scott	Grand Valley
"	271,	Wellington	Erin			

HAMILTON DISIRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, Hamilton.

No.	6,	The Bar on	Hamilton	No. 166,	Wentworth	Stoney Creek
"	27,	Strict Observance	Hamilton	" 219,	Credit	Georgetown
"	40,	St. John's	Hamilton	" 243,	St. George	St. George
"	45,	Brant	Brantford	" 272,	Seymour	Ancaster
"	57,	Harmony	Binbrook	" 291,	Dufferin	West Flamboro'
"	61.	Acacia	Hamilton	" 321,	Walker	Acton West
"	62,	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	" 324,	Temple	Hamilton
"	100,	Valley	Dundas	" 357,	Waterdown	Millgrove
"	121.	Doric	Brantford	" 382,	Doric	Hamilton
"	135,	St. Clair	Milton	" 400	Oakville	Oakville
"	165,	Burlington	Burlington			

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard Raikes, M. D., Midland.

No.	79,	Simcoe	Bradford	No. 266,	Northern Light	Stayner
"	88,	St. George's	Owen Sound	" 285,	Seven Star	Alliston
"	90,	Manito	Collingwood	" 304,	Minerva	Stroud
"	96,	Corinthian	Barrie	" 322,	North Star	Owen Sound
"	137,	Pythagoras	Meaford	" 333,	Prince Arthur	Flesherton
"	192,	Orillia	Orillia	" 348,	Georgian	Penetanguishene
"	230,	Kerr	Barrie	" 377,	Lorne	Shelburne
"	234,	Beaver	Clarksburg	" 385,	Spry	Beeton
"	236,	Manitoba	Cookstown	" 444,	Nitetis	Creemore
"	219,	Caledonian	Midland			

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, Dunnville.

No.	2,	Niagara	Niagara	No. 221.	Mountain	Thorold
"	7,	Union	Grimsby	" 254,	Clifton	Niagara
"	15,	St. George's	St. Catharines	" 277,	Seymour	Port Dalhousie
"	32,	Amity	Dunnville	" 296,	Temple	St. Catharines
"	35,	St. John's	Cayuga	" 319,	Hiram	Hagersville
"	103,	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	" 329,	King Solomon	Jarvis
"	105,	St. Mark's	Drummondville	" 337,	Myrtle	Port Robinson
"	115,	Ivy	Beamsville	" 338,	Dufferin	Wellandport
"	168,	Merritt	Welland	" 372,	Palmer	Bridgeburg
"	169,	Macnab	Port Colborne	" 373,	Copestone	Welland
"	185,	Enniskillen	York			

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W Bro. J. W. St. John, Parkdale.

No.			No.		
22,	King Solomon's	Toronto	292,	Robertson	Nobleton
54,	Vaughan	Maple	305,	Humber	Weston
65,	Rehoboam	Toronto	311,	Blackwood	Woodbridge
86,	Wilson	Toronto	326,	Zetland	Toronto
98,	True Blue	Bolton	346,	Occident	Toronto
118,	Union	Schomberg	356,	River Park	Streetsville
156,	York	North Toronto	369,	Mimico	Lambton Mills
229,	Ionic	Brampton	384,	Alpha	Toronto
247,	Ashlar	Toronto	426,	Stanley	Toronto Junction
265,	Patterson	Thornhill	438,	Harmony	Toronto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Watson, Toronto.

No.			No.		
16,	St. Andrew's	Toronto	220,	Zeredatha	Uxbridge
23,	Richmond	Richmond Hill	269,	Brougham Union	Brougham
25,	Ionic	Toronto	316,	Doric	Toronto
75,	St. John's	Toronto	339,	Orient	Toronto
87,	Markham Union	Markham	343,	Georgina	Toronto
97,	Sharon	Sharon	354,	Brock	Cannington
99,	Tuscan	Newmarket	367,	St. George	Toronto
129,	The Rising Sun	Aurora	410,	Zeta	Toronto
136,	Richardson	Stouffville	424,	Doric	Pickering
218,	Stevenson	Toronto	430,	Acacia	East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Peterboro.

No.			No.		
26,	Ontario	Port Hope	268,	Verulam	Bobcaygeon
30,	Composite	Whitby	270,	Cedar	Oshawa
31,	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	313,	Clementi	Lakefield
39,	Mount Zion	Brooklin	325,	Orono	Orono
66,	Durham	Newcastle	374,	Keene	Keene
77,	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	375,	Lorne	Omemee
101,	Corinthian	Peterborough	398,	Victoria	Kirkfield
114,	Hope	Port Hope	406,	The Spry	Fenelon Falls
139,	Lebanon	Oshawa	408,	Murray	Beaverton
145,	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	428,	Fidelity	Port Perry
155,	Peterborough	Peterborough	435,	Havelock	Havelock
223,	Norwood	Norwood	440,	Arcadia	Minden

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. H. Tumelty, Madoc.

No.			No.		
11,	Moira	Belleville	128,	Golden Rule	Campbellford
17,	St. John's	Cobourg	127,	Franck	Frankford
18,	Prince Edward	Picton	161,	Percy	Warkworth
29,	United	Brighton	164,	Star in the East	Wellington
38,	Trent	Trenton	215,	Lake	Ameliasburg
48,	Madoc	Madoc	222,	Marmora	Marmora
50,	Conseecon	Consecon	239,	Tweed	Tweed
69,	Stirling	Stirling	283,	Eureka	Belleville
91,	Colborne	Colborne	401,	Craig	Deseronto
123,	The Belleville	Belleville			

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. M Smith, Tamworth

No.			No.		
3,	The Anc't St. John's	Kingston	201,	Leeds	Gananoque
9,	Union	Napanee	212,	Elysian	Garden Island
92,	Cataraqui	Kingston	228,	Prince Arthur	Odessa
109,	Albion	Harrowsmith	253,	Minden	Kingston
119,	Maple Leaf	Bath	299,	Victoria	Centreville
146,	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	404,	Lorne	Tamworth
157,	Simpson	Newboro'	441,	Westport	Westport

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, Lyn.

No.	5, Sussex	Brockville	
"	14, True Britons.....	Perth	
"	24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	
"	28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	
"	55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	
"	74, St. James	Bethel	
"	85, Rising Sun	Farmersville	
"	110, Central.....	Prescott	
"	125, Cornwall	Cornwall	
"	142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	
"	143, Friendly Brothers...	Iroquois	
"	207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	
No.	242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown	
"	256, Farran's Point	Aultsville	
"	320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville	
"	368, Salem	Brockville	
"	370, Harmony.....	Delta	
"	383, Henderson, West	Winchester	
"	387, Lansdowne	Lansdowne	
"	389, Crystal Fountain.	N Augusta	
"	416, Lyn	Lyn	
"	418, Maxville.....	Maxville	
"	439, Alexandria	Alexandria	

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. T. Franklin, Franklin's Corners.

No.	21*a*, St. John's....	Vanleek Hill	
"	52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	
"	58, Doric	Ottawa	
"	63, St. John's...	Carleton Place	
"	122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	
"	128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	
"	147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	
"	148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	
"	159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	
No.	177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa	
"	186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	
"	196, Madawaska	Arnprior	
"	209, Evergreen.....	Lanark	
"	231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa	
"	264, Chaudiere	Ottawa	
"	371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa	
"	405, Mattawa	Mattawa	
"	433, Bonnechere	Eganville	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Robt. H. Knight, Sault Ste. Marie.

No.	287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	
"	412, Key Stone...	Sault Ste Marie	
"	414, Pequonga.....	Rat Portage	
"	415, Fort William..	Fort William	
No.	417, Keewatin	Keewatin	
"	442, Dyment	Thessalon	
"	445, L'ke of the Wo'ds,	Rat Portage	
"	446, Granite.....	Fort Frances	

NIPPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. L. Barber, Elmsdale.

No.	352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	
	360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	
"	376, Unity.....	Huntsville	
"	409, Golden Rule ...	Gravenhurst	
"	420, Nipissing	North Bay	
No.	423, Strong.....	Sundridge	
"	427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	
"	434, Algonquin	Emsdale	
"	443, Powassan	Powassan	
"	447, Sturgeon F'lls,	Sturgeon F'lls	

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1	22	Lodges
St. Clair	" "	2	20	"
London	" "	3	26	"
South Huron	" "	4	15	"
North Huron	" "	5	19	"
Wilson	" "	6	21	"
Wellington	" "	7	21	"
Hamilton	" "	8	21	"
Georgian	" "	9	19	"
Niagara	" "	10	21	"
Toronto West	" "	11	20	"
Toronto East	" "	11*a*	20	"
Ontario	" "	12	24	"
Prince Edward	" "	13	19	"
Frontenac	" "	14	14	"
St. Lawrence	" "	15	23	"
Ottawa	" "	16	18	"
Algoma	" "	17	8	"
Nipissing	" "	18	10	"
Unattached			1	"
		Total	362	

SUSPENSIONS U. M. C.

No. 22—John Hill. 46—Sidney J Arnold. 243—A E Laing. 424—W E Vanstone.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D.

No. 3—John Waldell. 5—J A Cook, W L McKenzie. 6—G F Evans, G S Knox, H McKinnon, J O Brant-Sero, R Perales. 9—M B McDonald, Jas S Brandon. 11—H Austin, F S Foster, T W R McRae, W J Thomson, A Bates, I O Frost, J F Baird. 15—J H Stanton. 16—J M Thrush, G A Elliott, Jno Duncan, D Wilson. 20—H T Ford, O Guillemal. 21a—E A Johnson, A Phillips, J. M. McCulloch, P W Tomkins, J A Ferguson, J Gwynne, W G Wright, W S Hall, R M Rutherford. H S Buck, W R Montgomery, R L Blackburn, A W LeBrocq, F Adams. 26—L R McNall, E B Neal, A Winslow, H W Laird, Jas Rutherford, J Owen, J R Montizambert. 27—J M Oliver, Geo A Black. 29—G M S Palmer. 33—W Mitchell, S G Reid, Geo Sheppard, J Beattie, C R Shane, H Cluens, R W Logan, A McDonald, W T Welsh, Chas E Beck, M O Johnston, Jas Miller. 38—C H Potter, C R Howell, J G Squire. 40—T Bird, F R Hutton, C J Lancefield, R E Wales. 43—G N Crooker, W Uppton, J D L Simmons, M Shinners. 44—T C Johes, J F Wilkinson, J Anderson, R Hindley, G L Frazer, G W Countryman, T Stuart. 45—H K Beattie, W J Linton, S W Cornell. 46—J R Johnson, W J Nash, E S Bedford. 47—J A Dougall, A G Fyfe, G W Hay. 48—W Whitford, J N Clark, A Milne, G Francis, S Smith, W J George, S F Weaver, E Laundry, J B Cleak, Wm George, J Third. 55—J C Postlethwaite. 56—W Kenny, Jas Gowans, A A Matthews. 61—A Hunter, E Rosenstadt, Wm Reid, J Sturdy, W H Thompson, W J Townsend. 68—G Duncan, W G Francis. 72—H M Cowen, J E Eby, W Fulton, A C Campbell, A Blakeby, W Butters, R B McGregor, G A Graham. 75—T A Onderkirk, W C Yound, R Aitken, K Hirata. 79—A Thompson. 81—W Harrison, J Weeks, H Clay. 82—J B Dalzell. 83—H B McMillan, A A Cockburn, Hy Gerry Jas Gerry. 84—J Spooner, A M Todd, G Anderson, J C Gilroy, Wm Weir, J B Rumbal. 85—E Stowell. 86—J S King, A Knowles, John Reggin. 90—H Cleland, G B Westcott. 92—S. Burton, J Hannay, J Younger. 96—A B Stephen, J Powell, R I Fraser. 98—W Hassard. 99—W Wilfred. 100—J Kievill, W O Herald, J C Dixon. 103—L C Camp, R J Leroy. 104—H J Woodrow. 10—E J Soden, H H Wright, W D Garner, H F Garner, D R Pursel, F Lablonde, W A Morningstar. 110—L Bramer. 114—F E Gandrie, J B Oke, W J Arnott, J E Grey, A Royce, A Wright, R G Blackham. 119—T I Spowart. W J Peanbien. 120—W G Cook. 121—J Grant, H G Rartley, Jno Hayden, A E James, T Rogers, N C Webster. 122—S Browne, S McDougall, H Stanzell. 128—O N Booth, A M Gamble. 136—S J Clarkson. 140—J A Walker, G Harris. 141—G S Goodeve, W Kyle, A B Barrow. 144—T Miller, Jr, A A Mooshall, J Biffin, J C McLachlin. 147—J Elliott, A Shirriffs, J K Whitelaw, W Groves, G Hagarty, J More, D Williams. 148—W R Bell, G J Sadler. 153—G W Slaughter, J Campbell, A Brown, J M McIntyre. 165—R H Watson, T G S Madgwick. 166—G S Fisher, W Grieve, G T Croswaithe, H Lee, A E Stewart, W J Peel, J W Gage 171—A Humphrey, A Quackenbush. 172—W Lavitt, A H Hay, Geo Reberts, R Ross, Wm Campbell, J T Baker, R Fernley, H Walder, E Reynolds, S Stewart. N W Meldum. 177—F D Taylor. 180—J B Collins, S R Hinckley, R Tovell. 184—H B Campbell. 185—J Robinson, J McK Pettigrew, R. J Hewitt, J Lawrence, S Knight. 192—M McWhinney, Hy Lloyd, R J Sanderson, Alex Reid, F R Bates. 194—Geo Sanson, J J Bell, Rt Eady. W R Hodges. W G Whitlock, R S Ludlow. 200—L E Morlock, J N Cringle. 209a—W A Reid, S A Roberts. 212—J Bruyiere, G Charles, J Dix, D Kennedy. 221—E Brown, W M Cleary, J L Harris, J Harreman, A E Kaeser. 225—C Winn, J L Mader. 228—T Temmon. 230—T Skilsey, W. F Reid, J C Mitchell, J S Whittaker. 231—W Moeser, W Gordon W Hatton, W Corbett, C Meade, F W White, W H Cuddie. 237—H Ribble, J O Cable, E S Bennett. 243—J Westwood. 247—T V Gearing, J Hollworth, A Pardoe, P F Ross, G Reeves, A Bond. 253—William Newlands, James F Gibson, John Bunt Earnest T Roberts. 256—A A Weegant, G Hodgins, R E Rombough. 257—Thos Elliot, R Fairgrieve, J Houseman. 260—R Fraser. J R Kendall. 262—T Peat. 264—L Booth, T Bate, T F Kane, R Moodie, W I Pratt. 266—W J Levy, J Hood, F A Clark. F Kirkpatrick, G W Bruce. 267—Jas Dodson, G J Fielder, J McGoldrick. 277—J Patterson, Geo Collins. 283—W Smeaton, H McIninch. 285—W Booth. L McConnell. 287—R E Mitchell, N McDougall, P Petts, G Mooring. A Allan 289—A Grav, G. Lipsitt. A Steinhoff, J Dow. 290—G Stewart, W Young, R. Deming, J Fitchell, V Daughertv, J Julien, J J Foster, J E Snider, R Stephenson, H Wigle. 292—L E Hambly. 300—W J Grice. 312—E L Scott, W Stephen. P E Shambleau, W N Robertson, G Bard, Chas Knife, D C McDonald. 313—T H Horner, D C Clark, P W Strickland 315—C Webster, J Grieve. 316—R H Hughes, J L Hutchinson. 318 W H Bauer. 320—W McKay, T Stevenson, J Garrow, S W McDonald, S F Bingham, P A McGregor, E Cooper, J McCalley, P A Ke ty. 322—J Johnston, J Crowther, William Craig. 323—T Rickard, J E W Branan, F Darvill, W Fitzpatrick, H Lidden. 324—A D Galloway, G Anderson, S F Pilgrim, Geo Rae, S J Moore. 329—Geo

Vail, sr., R Easton, W E Armstrong. 331—A Johnston, J E Hunt, A Young, M Wilson, W G Dunlop. 334—A Graham, R Gourie, W J Kenny, E B Fraser. 337—F Lay. 341—D McNaughton, M Kerr, A McLean, D. A. McLaren, G J McLeod, J J Fee. 343—A Robertson, G A Perry, W Sanderson. 346—Wm Brown. 354—F E Lindsay, R Way, J L Davidson. 360—A H Huckson. 367—D McKenzie, L Pedlar, H T Smith, W Plunkett, W A King, A L Weir. 370—J H Moulton. 371—J Satchell, A G Taylor. 373—H J Gibson, G B Swayze, R Bridges. 377—A Kilpatrick, R A Hetherington, J Dickey. 378—J Daniels, E M Fleming, H Leigh. 383—A Scott, W H Walker. D G S Counery, A E Moulson. 384—G Everest, W B Pollard, T. Chantler, H J Hill, W Laidlaw, L Salmon. 390—W D Webster. 391—T Ifes, T Shippey, G. Homes, G Gray. 393—J H Adolph, W A Armer, T R Reed, J Bearman. 394—M Day. C Brock, W Payne, J Kennedy. 398—W. McInuis. 400—T Patterson. 406—C L Perrin, N Ingram. 408—G Proctor, J Gilbertson. 409—W S Cameron, J T Toney, J W Fettesley. 410—F W Bailey, J C Clarke, G D Gilmore, J I Hall, J K Heslip, W W Wells, R W Wood, D Wilson, M Wright. 413—Jno Ballah, A J Duncan, H Powell. 414—J Weidman, E G Scott, S V Halstead, D G McPherson, F W Coates, A Booker, W Bearisto. 422—A T Sussex. 423—H Hall, R Briggs, R A Lamb, D Wilson, S McGar. 429—M S Cook. 430—J McLellan, C W McGinn. 433—C V E Bliss, J A Chrisler, C J Campbell. 438—W H Cooper, D Tracksell. 441—J H Moulton. 445—Wm Bearisto. 446—Geo B Munro.

NOTE.—In 1900 Bro. C. G. Wood, Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, was incorrectly included in the list of suspensions for N. F. D.

DEATHS.

2—Robt Fizette, 13th Oct, 1900. A Cox, 7th May, 1901. 3—Nat Wilmott, 10th Sept, 1900. T M Fenwick, 3rd Jan, 1901. 5—Jno Stagg, 17th May, 1901. 6—R. Brierley, 22nd Oct, 1901, B E Charlton. 12th March, 1901, A R Kerr, John Henderson, J Ryal, M D, 20th Jan, 1901. 7—J W Cartwright, 21st May, 1901, W A Cole, 1st April 1901. 10—M Harding, 16th April, 1900. 11—H F Chalanpka, 9th Dec, 1900. 14—J Mitchell, 3rd Oct, 1900, Wm Lawson, 4th Dec, 1900. 15—W H Read, 15th Nov, 1900, J Cairns. 11th Sept, 1900, T J Hartley, 23rd April, 1901. 16—P G Clase 25th July, 1900, W A Geddes, 11th June, 1901. 17—Percy Trower' 30th June, 1900. 20—R J C Dawson, 23rd Sept, 1900, Robt Weir, 20th Nov, 1900, T A Parkinson, 25th May, 1901. 22—A Mitchell, 27th Oct, 1900, B Wilson, 10th Oct, 1900. 24—J McCrum, 3rd March. 1901, G T Harrison, 29th May, 1901. 26—Wm Noble, 13th Jan, 1901. 27—J W Morton, 1st Aug, 1900, Wm Roberts, 28th Dec, 1900. 29—R A Maclain, 9th Aug, 1900. 31—T H Slute, 12th July, 1900. 33—A de Pendry, 31st Aug, 1900. 35—Jos Mason, 18th Oct, 1900, J G Carruthers. 2nd February 1901, C Jarvis, 3rd Feb, 1901. 37—D W Kester, 20th Oct, 1900. 38—L Cruickshank, 27th Sept, 1900. 39—Jas McBrien, 29th Jan, 1901. 40—T D Walker, 5th April, 1901, W Scott, 31st Aug, 1900 J Rose. 3rd July, 1900, J Hamilton, 29th Oct, 1900, T Moses, 1st Mar, 1900. T Brady, 5th Dec., 1900, T H Butler, 31st Dec, 1900, A McFarlane, 3rd Feb, 1901, A W Gage, 5th June, 1901. 42—A W Woodward, 6th May, 1900, H Tatham, 20th Oct, 1900. 43—J Patrick. 27th Aug. 1900, W A B Yeo, 7th Nov, 1900. 44—Jno King, 30th Jan, 1901, W H Flaherty, 23rd May, 1901. 45—W N M Alger, 11th Nov. 1900, H McK Wilson, 2nd Feb, 1901, 46—R O'Hara, 3rd Sept, 1900, W A Ferguson, 6th Oct, 1900. J Montgomery, 28th Oct, 1900. 47—Wm Atkinson, 5th Nov, 1900. 48—R McMullan, 10th July, 1900, S P Barnum, 27th Sept, 1900. 52—H T Spence, 23rd Jan, 1901. 54—John Murray, no date. 55—J B Davis, 17th Feb, 1901. 56—W B Clark, 27th Sept, 1900. 58—Jno Bennett. 10th June, 1901. 61—W Holden, 28th Oct, 1900, J R Sutherland, 21st Dec, 1900, Chas Franck. 13th Feb, 1901, A Anderson, 16th April, 1901, 64—Wm Mercer, 20th May, 1900, R Lewis, 14th Dec, 1900 65—E J Shirley, 4th June, 1901. 66—W R Lockhart 4th June, 1900, J A Gardiner, 27th Oct, 1900. 69—R Bennett, 24th Oct, 1900, T Searles, 20th Jan, 1901. 72—H G F Torrence, 26th Aug, 1899, A M Newlands, 24th July, 1900, J H Scott, no date. J Melross, 7th Jan, 1901. 73—Jno Grant, 17th March, 1901, J H Aiken, 1901. 75—G Steele, 21st Oct, 1900, B Jennings, May, 1901. 76—T M Wilson, 1900. 77—W G Woods, 17th Mar. 1901, A Hoadley, 20th May, 1901. 78—C H Rogers, 10th Nov, 1900. 81—G Billington, M D, 26th Sept, 1900. 82—A N Parney, Nov. 1900. 84—Jno Callander, 13th May, 1901. 85—C H Briginshaw 14th July. 1900, H H Alguire, 12th April, 1901. 86—C Calligher, July, 1900, W N Johnson, Sept, 1900, F M Upton, 18th June, 1901. 87—Jno Phill ps, 16th June, 1901. 88—C W Speer, 27th Jan, 1901. 91—R Thorburn, 14th Dec, 1900. 90—D J McQuade, 27th Feb, 1901. 92—T Connoly, 13th Feb, 1900, A Horne, 16th June, 1900 H McNamee, 15th Feb, 1900, W Pugh, 27th May, 1900. 96—Thos W Simpson, 6th Dec, 1900. 97—C Briggs, 11th May, 1901. 99—W Kennedy, 20th Aug, 1900. 100—J Dickson, 3rd April, 1901. 101—J J Hall. 7th Aug. 1900. 105—W Fordham, 5th Nov, 1900. 106—A Steedman. 23rd Sept, 1900, J C Brown, 28th Nov, 1900. C H Flood, 31st Dec, 1900. 107—J Laidlaw, 15th Jan, 1901. 110—N Ward, 14th Mar, 1901, Jno Carruthers, 1st April, 1901. 113—J W Gilmore, 4th Aug, 1900. 115—C B Brine, 6th May 1901. 118—H Stone, 29th Jan, 121—Jno E Berkes, 6th Feb, 1001, A S Hardy, 13th

June, 1901. 122—C Mann, 10th April, 1991, D McLaren. 13th May, 1901, P McDonald, 6th April, 1901. 123—Jas C Wilson, 29th Sept, 1900, J L Davis, May, 1900. James Smith, 8th Mar, 1901, T Ormond, 27th Mar, 1891, S McElrath, 22nd July, 1901, J Turncliff, 7th Aug, 1901. 125—E A Gravetey, 17th June, 1901. A T Milliken, 19th April, 1901. 127—T Foster, Oct, 1900. 128—R E Gibson, 1st Jan, 1901, C W Jackson, Mar, 1901. 131—R Buckley, 3rd Oct, 1900. 133—W Irving, 19th June, 1901, D. Wanless, 12th June, 1901. 139—J Richardson, 11th April, 1901, Jas McCaw, 15th April, 1901. 140—W Murdie, 19th Jan, 1901, H Edgar, 24th Jan, 1901, L W Whitney, 11th Mar, 1901. 145—R H Hunter, 11th Oct, 1900. 146—J Grant, 17th Jan, 1901. 147—M M F Snedden, 13th June, 1901. 148—A E Pelletier, 5th Feb, 1900. 149—G W Warren, 28th Nov. 1900. 151—J Burton, 23rd Dec, 1900. 153—J Dobbin, 6th Mar. 1901. 154—R H O'Neil. 155—W J Hall, 9th Aug, 1900, A H Melville, 21st Jan, 1901. W Helm, 12th June, 1901, A Stewart, 13th June, 1901. 164—J H Osborne, 18th Oct, 1900. 166—J Grieve, 20th Oct, 1900. 168—D Poole, 6th May, 1901. 169—T Greenwood, 21th Jan, 1900, E B McRae, 28th Sept, 1900. 172—C D Green, 21st Aug, 1899. 185—Wm Clarke, jr, 29th June, 1900. 193—J D Eddy, 20th Sept, 1900. 194—A K Sturgeon, 24th Sept, 1900. C A Simmons, 8th Nov, 1900. 199—Geo D Sutherland, 8th Oct, 1900. 196—D Campbell, 5th Sept, 1900. 197—R Millons, 11th July, 1900, W R Telford, 6th Sept, 1900, H P O'Connor, 13th Sept, 1900, Wm Collins, 20th April, 1901. 209—J Manahan 22nd Feb, 1901. 212—J Donnelly, 14th July, 1900, W Johnston, 14th July, 1900. 215—E Roblin, 29th Dec, 1900. 216—I Richardson, 23rd Aug, 1900. 218—C W Franklin, 2nd Oct, 1900. 219—Wm Freeman, M D. 230—J H McKeggie, 4th Dec, 1900. 237—J Sinclair, 18th Mar, 1901. 247—R E Gagen, 24th Jan, 101. 249 W C McDonald, 24th Jan, 1901, W H Boyd, 25th April, 1901. 253—H Mowat, 31st Jan, 1901, A Newlands, 23rd Feb, 1901. 254—W H Alford, 6th Feb 1901, C T Clark, 2nd April, 1991. 256—W C Stoneburner, 10th Sept, 1900. 257—Jas Elliot, 7th Aug, 1900. 258—R Higham, 20th April, 1901. 260—J Isbister, 22nd Sept, 1900. 264—W H Timbers. 14th Sept, 1898, W P Kingsland, 28th Aug, 1898. R George, Nov. 1900, T McKarracher, June, 1900, H Waters, 12th Aug, 1900. 265—D A Neeles, 29th Dec, 1900, D Clark 25th Jan. 1901. 268—R K Councel, 17th Oct, 1900. 270—W J Hare, 30th Oct, 1900, E O Felt, 13th Nov, 1900 E G Luke, 11th June, 1901. 274—M S Johnstone, 18th Jan, 1901. 276—J Pelton, Jan, 1901. 279—J P Phin, 24th Jan, 1901. T Shaw, 13th June, 1901. 282—M Dean, 15th Nov, 1900. 286—J W Walker, 9th Feb, 1900, W Kidd. 28th May, 1900. 287—J Bailey, 6th Nov, 1900, R J Elliot. 3rd Mar, 1901 J L Webb, 8th Mar, 1901. 289—H P Carmichael, 16th Oct, 1900. 290—Thos Dales, 25th Nov, 1900, M G Hetherington, 2nd May, 1901. 292—C Patterson, 21st June, 1901 305—J Rowntree. Mar, 1900, R J Holley, 26th July, 1900, Hy Keys, 15th April, 1901. 306—R B Bull, 3rd Sept, 1900, J Jack, 1st Dec, 1900, Geo Russell, 23rd April, 1901. 307—W Thompson, 15th Feb, 1901. 312—Jas A Steinhoff, 11th Feb, 1901. 315—P McLean, 1900. 316—W G Mutton, 5th Oct, 1900, E Brown, 2nd Feb, 1901. 324—Rich Brierley, 23rd Oct, 1900, B E Charleton, 14th Mar, 1901, G E Heming, 3rd June. 1901. 326—W MacDonald, 4th Sept, 1900. J W Baker, 16th Jan, 1901, I C Fisher. 14th Mar, 1901. 327—T F Purdy, 4th Nov. 1899 328—N McBane, 16th Sept. 1900, W Dinning, 27th Oct, 1900, A Bowlby, 6th Nov, 1900. 338—Jas Miller, 1st Feb, 1901. 329—J Osborne, 21st Jan, 1901. D Clark, 25th Jan, 1601, R J Booth, 5th Mar, 1901. 343—C C Whale, 11th July, 1900, R J Brown, 8th Oct, 1900. 346—Thos Rea, 5th July, 1900, Alex Gilmour, 29th April, 1901. 348—John O'Donnell, 18th May, 1901. 352—T McGowan, 7th April, 1901. 356—W G Strong, no date. 359—J W Shearer, 30th Sept, 1900 262—A Hamilton, 6th Aug, 1900. 364—R Williams, 16th April, 1901. 370—R Bolton, 5th April, 1900. 372—A Hanna, 16th Aug, 1900. 374—H J English, 2nd Jan, 1901. 375—J Bradley. 14th Aug. 1900. 378—J A Holmes, 27th Oct, 1900, W T Duff, 2nd Feb, 1901, J Wattam, 19th Feb, 1901. 379—W Middleton, 28th Sept. 1900. 380—J H Nobbs, 6th July, 1900. 382—R Brierley, 23rd Oct, 1900, J B Buckingham, 3rd Nov, 1900, Chas Horn, 9th Jan, 1901. 384—J C Verral, 11th Sept, 1900, A O Buchorn, 21st Sept, 1900, J A Rutherford, 15th Oct. 1900, Thos Couch, 20th Dec, 1900. 391 L M Lent. 396—F Sylvester. 401—S Anderson, 15th Jan, 1901. W D McRae, 7 June, 1901. 402—S Millen, 10th Jan, 1901. 405—C F Tucker, 12th Nov, 1900, S J Brown, 8th Mar, 1901. 413—Samuel Moffat, 15th Jan, 1901 414—Wm H Carpenter, 25th Nov, 1900. 415—F W Whitfield, 27th Aug, 1900. 416—Robt McCrady. 417—J McDiarmid, 19th Nov, 1900. 418—E J McEwen, 27th Nov, 1900, F T Munro, 4th Jan, 1901. 419—Neb Yap, 16th Oct. 1900. 420—J W Bailey, 2nd June. 1901. 428—E J Wheeler, 28th Oct, 1900. 431—M Atkinson, 25th Dec, 1900. 434—G W Saxage, Nov, 1900. 438—Jas Davis, 27th Dec, 1900. 440—F D Walker. 15th Aug, 1900. 443—Samuel Carmichael, 22nd Sept, 1900. 445—Hy Langford, 12th April, 1901.

RESTORATIONS, 1900-1901.

No. 5—N H Vandusen. 9—G Schryver. 11—W Carnew. 18—S Ellis, M R. Allison. 22—G McK Sutherland. 27—J C Campbell, L A L Dixon, J Poole 2—H Miller. 34—W Boyle. 37—C Brock. 38—L Cruickshank. 40—W A Johnson. 41—D Elliott, C Elliott. 43—H. Lower, W A Manson. 44—J Ander-

son. 45—A E Gammage, J W Tomlinson, B Puschinsky, G W Thomas. 46—E C Lewis, William Young. 47—J O'Neil, C Wright. Robert Weir. 52—J Blackburn. 56—Wm Farr, A H Dalziel. 58—C P Dewar. 69—J Tulloch, G W Faulknor. 73—G McLean, T Gray, T W Bill. 74—A Shipman 76—C Utting, J H Sherwood. 79—E D Sutherland. 83—Jas H Robbs, G M Francis. 84—J B Rumball, J McWhister. 85—G W Liveretts, W M Webster. 86—John Segsworth, T H Churchill. 90—W A Peter. 91—J E McDonald. 93—W J Evans, H Richardson. 96—T H Lauder. 98—A E Bolton, Chas M Griffith. 100—John Poole, E Quackenbush. 103—S Le Roy. 115—E H Ontario. 121—J W Roswell, E Patterson, J J Grant. 122—D Stewart. 123—G W Palmer. 127—J A McColl. 136—J Bowman. 139—W Leek. 144—W R Knox, J Green. 145—H McCortney. 148—W A Cross. 153—J Campbell. 154—Jas Sutton. 155—Jas Froude. 166—N A Johnstone. 169—C E Doan, G Walker. 177—H Gilmour, G L Irvine, D R Macfarlane. 181—F W Fay. 192—R R Weir. 194—G Sanson. 196—J J Ritchie, A R McLachlin. 209a—W W Rodgers, A Carruthers. 215—D Gibson. 217—C G Wood, W H Wilbur, G R Gray. 218—G F Bishopric, Jas Wright, E E King. 219—J Hainer. 221—I Usher, W Hansel, J Clay, 232—H Loucks, M Fidlar, R J Broadwith. 224—A W Thompson. 225—John Connolly, A E Jameson. 228—P A Mabee. 231—W C Teague, J Corry, O J Brazier. 232—John McKay, C McGregor. 233—R A Callender. 242—H Cook, J Avery, R Stoery. 247—W R Clarke. 253—W H Gates. 254—E J Burton. 263—J James. 264—W H Morgan. 267—H Lamont. 271—C A McRae. 274—H Brackett. 276—J. Whytock, W. McVeitty. 283—J J Harwood. 291—G S Field, 295—K McKellar, S W Faucett. 300—C Tennant, W J Grice. 302—C O Heron, W H King, I Morse, A Roberts. 305—Jas Conron. 306—P Cole, A C Patterson, G Blackburn, F C Hamilton. 309—J. Hutchinson, J R Fenton. 312—G. Hills. S L Mann, T. Hayes, J A Steinhoff, J D McNulty, A L Cameron, J Daly, R C Swainson, D A McDonald, J Cooper, T B West, C O Judson, E Stevens. 318—J A Becker. 322—Jas. C Greer. 330—A B Blake, C F Needham, J E Platt, F E Davis. 334—J G Graham, G Hudson, T Rafter. 336—A Ferguson. 337—A Hamilton, J Drennnn, W Oook. 339—J J Walsh, P M Bates. 346—J R Elmes, J A Slack, T D Bailey. 354—R C Brandon. 356—J T Joyce. 360—A H Huckson. 361—A Thompson, W. McFarquhar, P Spragge, T Anderson. 364—R Dewitt, Jas Thompson. 367—John Barrett. 369—C Ware, T H Ide. 370—O C Collins. 272 - H E Fite. 378—T Cockersell. 380—C L Elliot, J Andrew, Jr, F T C Richardson, A G Hicks, Ed Gardener, F G W Cooper, J Mallon. 392—T L De Comyn, E C McKenna, A E Cutbush. 384—H C Houghton 388—S Harding. 391—J McKay. 304—Jos Howes, Jas Kennedy. 403—M O'Doherty. 404—G Mills. 406—W Webster. 410—E G Mingay, D A Campbell. 412—J P McInnes. 414—H F Holmes. 418—J Crawford. 419—Geo. Draper, W W Slocum. 420—W Wilkinson, P J Joubert. 438—D Tracksell. 442—S F Maguire.

In Memoriam.

Most Worshipful Brother

JOSEPH W. H. WATSON,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware ;
Grand Representative.

Died 25th September, 1900.

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM R. TELFORD,

Past Master of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton ;
P. D. D. G. M. North Huron District, No. 5.

Died 13th September, 1900.

Right Worshipful Brother

RICHARD BRIERLEY,

Past Master of the Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton ;
P. D. D. G. M. Hamilton District, No. 8.

Died 22nd October, 1900.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

JAMES SMITH,

Past Master of the Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville;
P. D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District, No. 13.

Died 3th March, 1901.

Right Worshipful Brother

A. F. MILLIKEN,

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Report on Correspondence.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their annual report. They have received and examined the Proceedings of sixty-four Grand Bodies. Quebec, for January, 1901, is the only one not received.

Many interesting and important matters will be found discussed in the numerous extracts we have given. It being impossible for the body of the Craft to have access to all these Proceedings, we have aimed at giving as clear an account as possible of what is going on in the Masonic world.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia has surmounted all its difficulties of organization, and is now on a firm basis, with bright prospects of a prosperous future.

One of the most important publications of the year is a work on Military Lodges, by Bro. Robert Freke Gould, whose great eminence as a Masonic Historian is universally conceded and whose former works have been perused with delight by all Masonic students. Bro. Gould writes with great facility and in a most interesting and pleasing manner. In this work he gives an account of Lodges in Regiments and Ships of War and of famous Soldiers and Sailors of all countries who have been members of the Craft. There are also numerous anecdotes showing the influence of Masonry in war, one of which we copy :

Among the prisoners taken by the Union troops at the time Picket made his great charge at Gettysburg, was a Virginian sergeant. He was a Mason. Capt. John A. Kellogg, of the Sixth Wisconsin, gave him a drink of something reviving from his canteen and put some rations in his empty haversack. Their parting was that of brothers. In December, 1864, when Kellogg was a colonel commanding his regiment

(says the relator of the anecdote), I accompanied him on a ride along the picket line, a few miles to the left of Petersburg. By some means, and without knowing it, we got beyond the picket lines. We were brought to a halt suddenly by the unmilitary salute: "Is that you, Captain Kellogg?"

Looking up, and about two rods to the right, we saw a lieutenant and a dozen men in grey, who had apparently just taken their arms in preparation for serious business. "That's my name, sir," answered the colonel.

"Beg pardon—Colonel Kellogg. You were a captain at Gettysburg. Allow me to extend congratulations upon your promotion."

It was becoming interesting, and both of us were making plans for a shooting match between a dozen Confederate pickets with guns in their hands, and two officers with only revolvers, and they not in hand.

"Guess you don't remember me, Colonel?"

"I guess that is so," said Kellogg; and he was more nervous than I ever saw him in battle.

"I'm the sergeant you gave a nip from your canteen and whose haversack you filled at Gettysburg. They have made me a lieutenant since then. I'd like to have a visit with you, but the officer of the day is due here. Guess you had better get back to your lines."

"Thank you, lieutenant," said the colonel, saluting; and as we turned to leave, the Confederate gave the command: "Shoulder arms. Right dress. Present arms." Then both of us lifted our hats. There was fraternity for you.

Bro. Gould is also about to publish a concise History of Freemasonry. His former history, published in 1887, is in five large volumes, and is consequently inaccessible to the great body of the Craft. The new work will be in one volume and will contain the latest discoveries, many of them of recent dates. All former conclusions have been reconsidered by the new light shed by the most recently discovered evidence.

ALABAMA.

80th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1900.

B. Dudley Williams, G.M.

The Grand Master reports the organization of no less than nine new lodges, showing a degree of prosperity which must be gratifying to the Southern brethren. The other lodges have been doing an increased amount of work, the standard of morality is higher than ever before, and the brethren generally are becoming more familiar with the secret work.

Masonry had a beginning while yet this old earth was in its

swaddling clothes. Solomon is claimed as its founder, and yet its traces run far beyond the advent of the wisest man, and when we reach the bounds of history, and even of tradition itself, there we find finger-boards pointing still backward into the impenetrable darkness of the past. Certain it is, however, that Solomon, by his matchless knowledge and wonderful personality gave the order form and impetus, and reared a monument even worthy of symbolic perpetuation as long as the earth shall endure. He erected with ancestral help and under Divine guidance, a temple, matchless in design and construction, incalculable in cost, and dedicated it to the Church and to Masonry, its hand-maiden. In solemn and impressive silence, the splendid building arose and crept up from stage to stage of grandeur and beauty, until its golden spires glittered with the dazzling effulgence of the blessed Shekinah, and its sacred, bejeweled chambers were filled with the ineffable glory of the great I Am That I Am. And as the presence of the spirit of the Infinite One gave approval and benediction to Solomon's great work in the erection of this, the grandest of earth's structures, so the aegis of the Divine care has been with our beloved order, protecting it alike from the corroding tooth of time and the persecutions of its enemies. The corner-stone of the temple was of spotless Parian marble, but the corner-stone of Masonry is the Holy Bible, the inestimable gift of God to man. When it crumbles and disappears, then and not till then will Masonry fail from the earth. It has been contended that Masonry has served its purpose, and that the day of its usefulness has passed. I answer that, so long as anywhere upon this earth the existence of the Creator is denied or ignored; so long as there is poverty, want and destitution to be relieved, so long as the Golden Rule is despised or the paths of the Heavenly Science unexplored, so long must Masonry continue its work. But, it is asserted, this brings Masonry in hostility to the Church. Nine times out of ten this is the plea of some suspended ministerial brother, whose selfish soul is steeped in envy over the contributions of his Lodge to charity, some of the members of which are perhaps his most zealous churchmen. He falsely imagines that golden shekels are being diverted from his own till. when if he would take the trouble to reflect a moment he would perceive that those same brethren are his most zealous and liberal members. The Masonic Order is the ally and handmaid of the Church. There is no rivalry between the two; there can be none. Masonry is not a religion, and he who would attempt to substitute it for the Church has misconceived its spirit and intentions. Masonry is

"Slave to no sect, it takes no private road,
But looks through nature up to nature's God.
Pursues the chain that links the immense design;
Joins Heaven and earth, and mortal and Divine;
Sees that no being any bliss can know,
Save touches some above and some below;

Learns from this union of the rising whole,
The first, last purpose of the human soul;
And knows that where Faith, Law, Morals all began,
All end in love to God and love to man."

Masonry by its tolerance to all creeds, its exalted ideas of morality and by its sublime impressions of the resurrection of the body, has been a strong aid in diffusing light and opposing materialism. By its unfaltering devotion in practice, not theory, to the service of God, and the elevation and happiness of His image—man, it has reached a higher plane of usefulness than any other human society. By its constant advocacy of freedom without anarchy, religion without creed, liberty without license, law without oppression, democracy in its noblest interpretations, harmony in its sweetest measures; by its inculcation of Virtue in her truest ideals, patriotism without partyism, justice to government and fidelity to country, and by its enthronement of that heavenly trio of jewel graces—Faith, Hope and Charity, radiant with the glories of prophetic millennium, Masonry, peerless, in her splendid symbolisms, her glorious traditions and her boundless aspirations, has shaped the destinies of men, states and nations in peace and justice, set the pace in moral and intellectual development, showered from her ever full yet ever distributing hands universal benedictions of mercy and charity, and wrapped our old earth in a mantle of perpetual blessings.

A special committee was appointed to consider and report upon the most feasible method of establishing and maintaining a Widows' and Orphans' Home by the Grand Lodge.

On the report of this committee, a brother is to be appointed in each Judicial Circuit to solicit subscriptions and report at next meeting.

Bro. W. Y. Titcomb again reports on Correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1899 we notice a singular error. He says that our affiliation with the General Masonic Relief Association cost the jurisdiction $120,000. It should be $120.

He compliments Grand Master Malone on his address as a " scholarly production, full of noblest sentiments and replete with words of wisdom, as well as most salutary counsel."

Before the proceedings were printed, their beloved Grand Secretary was called from labor on earth to refreshment above. Bro. H. Clay Armstrong was a worthy, faithful and efficient officer for a number of years, and his loss will be greatly regretted.

Lodges, 386 ; members, 12,110 ; increase, 423.

Russell M. Cunningham (Ensley), G.M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G.S.

ARIZONA.

19th Communication, Phoenix, Nov. 15, 1900.

Wm. F. Nichols, G. M.

This year has been a very prosperous one and the financial conditions are good.

The address of the Grand Master is mostly taken up with the correspondence relating to an alleged invasion of jurisdiction by a lodge just across the border in Mexico.

Two new lodges were opened.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to matters at issue between "Nogales" Lodge, No. 11, and "Ermilo G. Canton" Lodge, of Nogales, Sonora, begs leave to report:

That it has read the lengthy correspondence covering this case, and finds that the brethren of "Nogales" Lodge, No. 11, erred, in the first instance, in letting their hall to "Ermilo G. Canton" Lodge.

We are inclined to believe that in doing so they encouraged, to some extent, the subsequent action of said "Ermilo G. Canton" Lodge, the members of which were, perhaps, ignorant of the Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Lodge touching upon exclusive territorial jurisdiction.

It appears, however, that the matter is in a fair way of an amicable and friendly adjustment, through the efforts of our Grand Master and the present officers of "Nogales" Lodge, and we recommend that the incoming Grand Master proceed on the same lines, and close the entire matter, thereby restoring perfect harmony between our neighbor, the Gran Dieta Simbolica, and our own Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend, however, that until the whole matter is adjusted satisfactorily to this Grand Lodge, the recognition of those Masons made in Nogales, Arizona, by the "Ermilo G. Canton" Lodge will be withheld; and your committee further recommend that the subletting of a Masonic Hall in this jurisdiction to a foreign Masonic Body be discontinued.

In conclusion, your committee is of the opinion that no Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Arizona has the right to waive jurisdiction over its material in favor of any foreign Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

Bro. Charles D. Beldon, Chairman of Correspondence, presented a special report on the Grand Lodge of Washington, concluding with the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That it is at the present time inadvisable that this Grand Lodge take any official notice of the late acts of our sister Grand Lodge of Washington concerning the subject of Negro Masonry.

Resolved, Also, that we accept their statement in the Ninth Declaration of 1899 as their adoption of the American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and that, so long as they adhere strictly to that principle we see no sufficient cause for further action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

We believe this to be an appropriate occasion for the Grand Lodge of Arizona to affirm her loyalty to the American Doctrine, and, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adopts and incorporates the American Doctrine as one of its fundamental tenets; that is to say, a Grand Lodge first organized in a state or territory has the supreme control over Symbolic Masonry within its territorial limits.

Lodges, 16; members, 828; increase, 88.
George Montague (Nogales), G.M.
George J. Roskruge (Tucson), G.S.

ARKANSAS.

60th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1900.
Harry H. Myers, G.M.

Bro. Myers became Grand Master on the death of Bro. Robert M. Smith, who with his wife and four children, was swept away by the remorseless waves in the terrible disaster at Galveston, Texas, whither he had gone with his family but a few days before the calamity occurred, in search of rest and recreation from his arduous labors. His body was never recovered.

The Craft in Arkansas continues to thrive. Peace has its abiding place among the brethren and brotherly love prevails.

Their financial condition has greatly improved.

A proposal to reduce the fees for the degrees to $15 was negatived.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia were recognized.

The Committee on Correspondence was directed to ascertain from the Grand Lodge of Washington the true intent and meaning of the repealing resolutions on the negro question.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That no man who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating

liquor shall be made a Mason by any of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

2. That all Subordinate Lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction be required to drop from their rolls every member who is in any way engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors. Provided, that whenever such persons shall discontinue such business, they may, upon application to the Lodge from whose rolls they were dropped, be restored by a two-thirds vote to all such rights and privileges.

3. That the Grand Secretary in preparing the blanks for returns from Subordinate Lodges shall add a clause for the following statement, to wit:

Members of this Lodge engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Action taken by the Lodge with relation to members engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, in compliance with section 2, the Edict of 1900.

4. That by the term "Intoxicating Liquors," is meant all vinous, malt, spiritous liquors or any compound thereof, commonly called tonics or bitters, and shall include native wines.

Lodges, 445; members, 11,386; increase, 136.
Harry H. Myers (Little Rock), G.M.
Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G.S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

29th Communication, Vancouver, June 21, 1900.
R. Eden Walker, G.M.

He reports universal prosperity in the Craft. Peace and harmony have prevailed everywhere and no disturbing elements have been introduced to mar the spirit of brotherly love in this jurisdiction. He does not approve of the incorporation of lodges, believing that all the advantages may be had by vesting the lodge property in the name of Trustees. He granted two dispensations to shorten the time between the degrees, where the candidates resided respectively 100 and 200 miles from their lodges.

New lodges were formed at Ymir, Trail, Duncans and Cranbrook, and four others are under way.

Bro. John Corson Smith, of Chicago, was present and delighted the brethren with an interesting account of Masonry in Egypt and other Oriental countries, and his personal experiences while travelling in foreign lands. The distinguished visitor received a cordial vote of thanks.

The question of the removal of the archives of Grand

Lodge to Vancouver was discussed, and thereupon the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the prospects for a permanent meeting place of Grand Lodge in the near future are evident, they be allowed to remain in Victoria pending such action.

In his excellent report on Correspondence, Bro. De Wolf Smith reviews our Proceedings of 1899. He says that he does not see why a brother should expect to receive any rank conferred upon him in a clandestine lodge when he joins a regular lodge. He expresses our sentiments exactly in the following:

It appears to us that non-affiliates are receiving a great deal more attention than they deserve. We think that Grand Lodges would not have nearly so much trouble with this class if they did not go about looking for it. We should like to see nearly all non-affiliated Masons members of some Lodge, and would make the way back as easy as possible, but if a Brother really wishes to stay out, let him go in peace, and remain out until he feels that he would like to come in again.

Lodges, 31; members, 1,889; increase, 250.
Harry H. Watson (Vancouver), G.M.
W. J. Quinlan (Nelson), G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

51st Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 9, 1900.
Charles L. Patton, G.M.

The Grand Master reports two new lodges, and has the following on the state of the Order:

It is gratifying to me to be able to report that Masonry is prospering through the entire State—that the past year has been one marked by gains in membership as well as by progress along lines which lead to better fraternal feeling among the Lodges and members. The net gain for the year has been over 1,100, which is a larger one than ever before. I believe this great gain to be due to the increased interest shown by the members and officers of the Lodges in the work of Masonry. The revision of our Ritual has helped in the accomplishment of the result, and more than all, I am satisfied that the establishment and successful operation of our Masonic Home has contributetd to make this year a distinct success.

There are three lodges in San Francisco working in foreign languages, one in French, one in German, and one in Italian. Special Inspectors were appointed for these lodges, speaking the different languages, so that

there might be a strict investigation into their manner of work.

Great praise is given to the Grand Lecturer, who travelled all over the State, giving instructions in their revised ritual.

The following decision of the Grand Master, which was approved by the Grand Lodge, seems open to question:

> No brother shall be permitted to resign from Masonry, or renounce the Order. He may withdraw from the particular Lodge in which he holds membership, but for him even to attempt to renounce Masonry is an offense and should be punished.

We are taught that Masonry is free and requires the perfect freedom of action and thought in every candidate for its mysteries. The above decision cannot be reconciled with this teaching. There is no reason why such a member should not be permitted to depart in peace. We do not want unwilling members. They are of no use to us or to the Fraternity. We are far better off without them. We can afford to lose a few, or a few hundred of such men. No punishment that the Craft can inflict will be any use in such cases, nor can we see why any punishment should be thought of. Freedom of thought and opinion is of the very essence of our Fraternity. If a member really thinks that he should renounce Masonry, we may be sorry for him, sorry that he cannot realize the beauty and beneficence of our association, but to try to punish him for holding such opinions seems to us to be contrary to our expressed principles and a poor piece of policy as well.

In the very valuable report of the Grand Lecturer, we find the following:

> During the year great strides have been made toward the establishment of correct and uniform work throughout the State. It has been his pleasure and good fortune to visit and instruct in all centers of populous Masonic Districts, and hold Lodges of Instruction at some central location accessible to the greatest number of Lodges. These meetings have nearly always been well attended by the officers and Past Masters of the various surrounding Lodges, and a determination to learn and do the work correctly has pervaded these meetings.
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> Everywhere new life and interest seems to have been awakened in the Fraternity, and the most tangible proof of this is to be found in the increased attendance at the Lodge meetings, in the superior rendition of the work, and in the

great increase of membership throughout the State. The labors of the Grand Lecturer have been far more arduous this year than in any of the preceding ones. This was the result of the changes made in the work which are now heartily endorsed, not only by those who advocated the changes when they were made, but also by those who are opposed to what they considered "innovations," but who, on becoming better acquainted, are now among its warmest supporters. Every one seems anxious and even impatient to be letter perfect.

Their Home for aged Masons, their widows and orphans, is now in operation at Decoto, and applicants for admission are coming in quite rapidly. There are now 62 inmates. The following details from the report of the Trustees will be found interesting:

The per capita tax for the support of the Home has been paid in full. It amounted to $21,579. Our report will show that we have on hand now $25,236.33. Out of this amount, however, $4,510.93 is the amount paid in, under Rule XVI, by the inmates, and the proceeds of sales of property given to the Home under that Rule. This leaves a balance that is fairly to be used for current expenses and other improvements amounting to $20,715.40, which shows that during the last year we spent on current expenses and permanent improvements about $763.60 more than our income. The detailed report of receipts and disbursements will show that the actual expenses of maintaining the inmates at Decoto has been $13.80 per month for each person. This is a very good showing considering the care which we give to the brethren, and the food which we place before them. It has ever been the effort of the Trustees and the Superintendent to provide the best of everything for those placed under their charge.

When the orchard and vineyard are in full bearing, the Board feels certain that the Home will have an income which will render it possible to reduce the annual per capita tax.

An amendment to the Constitution barring all liquor sellers from membership was negatived by the adoption of the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The proposed amendment, if adopted, would introduce the class legislation into our Constitution—a thing that is repugnant to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. By one of the unchangeable tenets of our Order each Lodge is constituted the sole judge of the moral and social fitness of any applicant who knocks at its outer door for admittance. Temperance is one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry. Its precepts are inherent in our ceremonies. They are unchangeable, and, therefore, more permanent and just as obli-

gatory as the mandates of our Constitution. The Lodge, or the individual Mason who disregards the requirements of temperance to such an extent as to injure the good name of Masonry, become, by the very force of our traditions, subject to Masonic discipline. We therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

In his valuable report on Correspondence, Bro. William A. Davies reviews Canada for 1899. He says that "the splendid reports of the District Deputies reflect much credit upon the great Masonic organization of the Province of Ontario." In his notice of Maine, we find the following:

Bro. Drummond does not look with favor on our regulation requiring that the demits of petitioners for a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge shall always accompany the application, nor will he look kindly upon the Wisconsin plan of relief.

While we have the greatest respect for Bro. Drummond's opinion in the regulations and usages of Masonry, we feel that in the matters mentioned he is controlled more by theory than practical conditions. It is our law that the Grand Master, before granting a dispensation, shall anticipate all possible objections to the formation of the new Lodge; and it rarely, if ever, follows that a Lodge under dispensation fails to receive its charter after the usual probation. And as to the Wisconsin plan and its practical charity, although it is pleasant to say we help the needy for the love of doing good, we know that we like repayment, because it enables us to keep on doing as we would others should do to us under like circumstances. So we won't put up that sign, "Benefit Society," just yet, Bro. Drummond, but will keep right on, hoping to convince the brethren that we do charity for the love of it.

Lodges, 269; members, 21,579; increase, 1,137.
James A. Foshay (Los Angeles), G.M.
George Johnson (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

40th Communication, Denver, Sept. 18, 1900.
Alphonse A. Burnand, G.M.

The lodges are healthy and prosperous, and nearly all have performed considerable work. Two new lodges were formed. The venerable brother, Adna Adams Treat, has completed his 103rd year.

We are glad to copy the following from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

In our opinion public installations are not desirable and are not beneficial to the Order. We recommend that this Grand

Lodge request the Grand Master not to issue dispensations for this purpose.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf again reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1899. We copy a part of his concluding remarks:

The circular letter of Grand Master Rumsey, of Wyoming, addressed to the Grand Masters throughout the United States, reviving the idea of a Supreme or Sovereign Grand Lodge, met with no favor, those Grand Lodges which considered the same having expressed their determination to maintain their own sovereignty.

There is some friction occasionally manifested over Grand Lodge appointive offices, efforts being made to amend Constitutions making all Grand Officers elective. Under present laws Grand Masters possess the power to place those whom they favor in the line of promotion, and thus largely determine who shall rule over and govern the great body of the Craft in the immediate future.

We believe that for the most part, Grand Masters endeavor to make a wise selection, and that there has been in the past but little cause for complaint. The line of demarcation between the appointive and elective offices is drawn between the Senior Grand Deacon and the Junior Grand Warden. If the former has advanced by successive appointments to his present position, and is objectionable to the representatives of the constituent Lodges, they have it within their power to say by their ballots: "Thus far, but no farther shalt thou go," and if they so choose, to elect a Junior Grand Warden from the floor. This would seem to be a sufficient check against unwise appointments.

Mexican Masonry is still in a confusing condition. The Grand Dieta seems to have parted with the last vestige of its authority as a central or supreme governing body, and exists merely as a consulting or advisory adjunct to the other Grand Lodges of the Republic.

We are pleased to note that suspensions for non-payment of dues have decreased from 19,342 to 16,844 the past year, which seems to indicate more prosperous times, or, that more lenient methods have prevailed.

The aemount of money spent by the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of the English Colonies, for benevolence, is of vast proportions, grants of $50 to $500 in individual cases being no unusual thing. Among American Grand Lodges the Masonic Home is the ideal method of dispensing their charity, and many Grand Lodges have already erected costly structures, or are accumulating funds for this purpose. Funds are also being created for relief, temporary shelter and educational purposes. The oft-repeated query: "What good does Masonry do?" receives thus a visible and effective answer, it being true of Masons as of all others, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Lodges, 94; members, 8,392; increase, 418.
Joseph W. Milson (Canon City), G.M.
Ed. C. Parmelee (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

113th Communication, January 16, 1901.
John O. Rowland, G.M.

The Grand Master congratulates the Craft upon the closing of one of the most prosperous years in the history of the jurisdiction. The past year has been one of more than usual activity among the lodges. The Grand Master made a number of official visitations which are always welcome, and result in increased enthusiasm. He was not called upon to make any new decision.

The District Deputies made full and complete reports.

On their Masonic Home, the Grand Master says:

From the inception of this noble charity, I have been proud to be one of its supporters and enthusiastic well-wishers. On every occasion when opportunity presented, it was my pleasure to add my humble endeavors to promote its welfare, but never, until it became my privilege to enter the Home as its Superintendent did I wholly realize what this practical application of Masonic charity really meant to the Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction. Time and space forbide my going into details of my varied experiences while so closely in touch with its every day life. These experiences will be found in detail in the report which it is my duty to make as Superintendent.

But I want here to add my testimony as to the grand results which are being accomplished by the brethren of the jurisdiction through the Masonic Home. One has but to visit the institution, to feel the warm grasp of brotherly love, to note the expression of gratitude from those who in the days of adversity and in their declining years, are provided with the blessings of home and comfort, to thoroughly appreciate the great good that is being accomplished by the Masons of Connecticut. Nor is our Home a "light hidden under a bushel," but rather a bright and shining light upon the hill top, the rays of which shine abroad in the land, so that from the North and South, the East and the West, inquiries and commendation are coming to us constantly, and the Craft of other jurisdictions are pointing to the Masonic Home of Connecticut as an example to be emulated and followed. I feel confident that could every Brother of our jurisdiction once a year visit the Masonic Home at Wallingford, not only would the contribution which he is called upon to make to sustain it, be made with the utmost cheerfulness, but, would be gladly doubled and quadrupled if necessary, to carry on the noble work.

On the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, the recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium was withdrawn, on account of the close relationship of that body with the Grand Orient of France.

The per capita tax was fixed at $1 per member per year, and in estimating their membership, lodges may deduct all members who have been Masons in good standing for 30 years.

Bro. John H. Barlow has an excellent report on Correspondence. He thinks that a unanimous ballot should be required to give a release of jurisdiction over a rejected candidate. In his notice of Maine, we find the following:

We think Lodges should be extremely careful of making any regulations that exempt a portion of its members from annual dues. We are conscious of its evil effects in Connecticut, which exempts those thirty years a Mason, and we would like to see it repealed.

Canada for 1900 receives due attention.

Lodges, 110; members, 17,379; decrease, 49.

Frederick S. Stevens (Bridgeport), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G.S.

DELAWARE.

94th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 3, 1900.

William W. Black, G.M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and devoted much time giving instruction to officers-elect and newly-made brethren. There is an entire absence of dissension and the brethren have never manifested a greater interest in the workings of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The following report was adopted:

As to the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington for an exchange of representatives, we recommend that the Resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be continued in force, and decline an exchange of representatives until this Grand Lodge is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Washington shall have absolutely and unequivocally receded from its former position.

Bro. L. H. Jackson condenses into 70 pages a review of sixty Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 21; members, 2,320; increase, 85.

Joseph Stuart (Wilmington), G.M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G.S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

90th Communication, Washington, Dec. 5, 1900.
William G. Henderson, G.M.

Stock in the proposed new Masonic Temple Association has been subscribed for to the amount of $87,590.

The official visitations of the Grand Master to all of the lodges in the jurisdiction were as successful as usual. The work is in strict conformity to the ritual and delivered in an impressive manner. The School of Instruction was largely attended. Prosperity and harmony prevail.

The death is announced of Isaac Larue Johnson, P.G. M., a brother of great ability, and one whose charity was as boundless as the wants of his fellow creatures.

The following instructions concerning the examination and admission of visitors were issued by the Grand Master:

1. The attention of Worshipful Masters is called to section 34, Article XX, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, which provides that no unaffiliated Mason shall visit the same lodge more than once before taking the necessary steps to make himself an affiliated Mason; also section 35 of the same article, which gives the right to a member to object to the admission of a brother in good standing in another lodge. To properly enforce these regulations the Worshipful Masters will see that the name of every visitor, with the name and location of his lodge, is announced before he is admitted. It would seem to be more orderly and in keeping with the dignity of the Lodge to pursue the same course in admitting brethren to their own Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters should see that it is done whenever practicable.

2. At all times brethren entering or retiring from the Lodge while in session, should do so by the door and not by the west gate; exception being made to working brethren and candidates.

3. If a brother desires to be examined, with a view of visiting a Lodge, his card shall be presented to the Worshipful Master, who, if the opportunity exists, shall read the same to the Lodge, and if no objection is offered to the proposed visit, the brother shall, after due examination and having been found worthy, be admitted to the Lodge, with the committee and introduced in the usual manner.

4. It is further suggested that whenever a committee is appointed to examine a visitor, it should be informed of the Grand Lodge provision concerning visitors hailing from a jurisdiction in which there are clandestine Lodges, or from a jurisdiction requiring a certificate or diploma to be issued to its members, and the committee should first require the

production of such certificate or diploma before proceeding to examine the brother. The committee should also be instructed that in the absence of either a certificate or diploma, it would be well to ask for the production of a receipt for dues or other written evidence of good standing, and if the visitor hails from a jurisdiction in which there are clandestine Lodges the Worshipful Master should so inform the committee, and the committee, before proceeding with the examination should satisfy itself that the Lodge from which the visitor hails is not clandestine.

All the Masonic powers in Europe and the British provinces and bodies of Masons under their Constitution, and all foreign countries, require a certificate or diploma, and so does Massachusetts.

Great sympathy was manifested on account of the continued illness of their Grand Secretary, Bro. W. R. Singleton, and Bro. Noble D. Larner, P.G.M. We join in the hope that they will soon be able to resume their accustomed duties.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized. The same favor was extended to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico. The application of Costa Rica was deferred for further information. The resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington was also postponed.

Bro. George W. Baird reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1899.

Lodges, 25; members, 5,891; increase, 340.

Harry Standiford (Washington), G.M.

William R. Singleton (Washington), G.S.

ENGLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication, held in London on March 7, 1900, a resolution was passed to raise a fund from which the District Grand Lodges in South Africa could be assisted to relieve the distresses of their loyal brethren occasioned by the war in that quarter. They have five District Grand Lodges in South Africa, with a large membership, besides other lodges in Rhodesia and Buluwayo, which are not under a District.

The sum of 1,000 guineas was voted to the South African Masonic Relief Fund.

The Prince of Wales was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Harry Manfield was elected Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

It was decided that English brethren who have been

accorded honorary rank in Foreign or other Grand Lodges should not wear the clothing of such Foreign or other Grand Lodges while attending the meetings of English lodges. Such clothing is not the "proper clothing" prescribed by the Constitution, as Foreign or Colonial appointments conferred on English Masons give no rank in England.

The capacious and handsome room in course of erection for the reception of the library and curiosities belonging to Grand Lodge will very shortly be completed.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The contributions from lodges to the General Fund for 1899 amount to about $56,000, and the balance on hand at the close of the year was $900,000. The fees of honor, which are payable on appointment to office in Grand Lodge, amounted during the year to $685.00.

From the report of the Board of June 6, 1900, we take the following:

The Board begs to report that it has been under the necessity of summoning two Lodges to answer charges of permitting toasts of a Masonic character to be proposed and responded to in the presence and hearing of ladies and other non-Masons at Masonic banquets held after Lodge meetings.

The Board deemed it its duty seriously to admonish the several Lodges for the irregularity they had committed, and it desires to point out that at recreation banquets, when Lodges entertain ladies and others who are not Masons, it is most improper and irregular to introduce anything whatever of a Masonic character into the speeches or proceedings.

In September the subscriptions to the South Africa Masonic Relief Fund amounted to over $45,000.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 5th, 1900, the Board reported that the subscriptions to the South Africa Fund amounted to $50,570.00, of which $45,000.00 had been transmitted to South Africa, where it is in course of distribution by a committee.

Since the accession of the Grand Master to the throne of the British Empire, he has resigned the Grand Mastership, accepting the position of Patron of the Order.

His resignation was received at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge on February 15, 1901, at which the Grand Master of Ireland, the Grand Master of Scotland, and the District Grand Master of the Transvaal were present, and a loyal Address was voted to His Majesty, Edward VII.

At the Quarterly Communication on March 6, 1901, the Duke of Connaught was elected Grand Master.

The Rules as to the election of members of the Board of General Purposes were amended to read as follows:

Rule 255.—The President and six of such other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Grand Lodge in June, and the Grand Lodge shall on the same day elect, from the actual Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, as many as may be required to make up the remaining eighteen members of the Board, as hereinafter provided. A Master and Past Master, or more than one Past Master of the same Lodge, shall not be elected as such on the same Board; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master, being a subscribing member and Master of another Lodge, from being elected for and representing such other Lodge as Master.

Rule 256.—At the election in June, 1901, the full number of eighteen members shall be elected; and thereafter one-third of the elected members shall go out of office annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. Those who go out of office in June, 1902, shall be the six members who were elected by the smallest number of votes in 1901: and those who go out of office in June, 1903, shall be the six members who were elected by the next smallest number of votes in 1901; the Board always determining, when the votes for any such members shall have been equal, who shall be the members so to go out of office; and after 1903, those who shall go out of office shall always be the members who have been for the longest time in office. On the death or removal from office of an elected member, the Brother elected in his place, under Rule 261, shall go out of office at the time appointed for the member whose place he has taken.

The Duke of Connaught, G.M.
Edward Letchworth (London), G.S.

FLORIDA.

72nd Communication, Jacksonville, January 15, 1901.
Silas B. Wright, G.M.

In the very excellent address of the Grand Master we find the following judicious remarks on the Social Side of Masonry;

While careful attention should be given to the routine business of the Lodge and the proper conferring of the degrees, still it should be remembered that this is not the only object of Lodge work. The lessons inculcated should be taught ontside of our ceremonials. The social side of the Lodge meetings should not be neglected. The brother who comes to meeting after meeting, and has no opportunity of social con-

versation soon ceases to attend at all. Man is a social being and seeks intercourse with his fellows. A few moments spent in social intercourse is appreciated by the new members, and is productive of much good. Let every member greet and talk with as many members present as possible. See that all are acquainted and take pains to introduce the new member and visiting brother. Spend a portion of every Communication in social pleasure of some kind and a more kindly feeling among the brethren is sure to follow. Encourage the study of the history of the Order and provide short talks on current Masonic subjects, at every convenient opportunity. Many new members will be encouraged to attend and all will be benefited thereby. Masters should arrange for something of this kind at every convenient opportunity.

The Grand Master appointed a Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico. He recommended the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia. He was not entirely satisfied with the origin of the lodges forming the new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and recommended a reference for investigation and report at the next meeting. On the Grand Orient of Belgium, he says:

In 1898 a request was received from the Grand Orient of Belgium for recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who in 1899 reported asking further time. While attending the Washington Centennial Memorial meeting in Washington, I had the pleasure of meeting Worshipful Brother Albert J. Kruger, of Antwerp, who represented the Grand Orient of Belgium at that meeting, and who has been appointed representative of several of the American Grand Lodges, in Belgium. He is a most estimable gentleman and worthy brother, and made a host of friends for himself and his jurisdiction. Shortly after his return home he sent me a copy of their "Bulletin" or printed proceedings for 1900, and in a letter mainly about other matters, requested action upon their request for recognition. The list of Grand Bodies with whom the Grand Orient has exchanged representatives as printed in this book includes that of the French Orient at Paris, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg at Hamburg. A letter to W. Bro. Kruger asking if the list was correct, and if they had recognized and exchanged representatives with the French Orient, brought reply that it was. He writes that from 1800 to 1825 several Lodges in Belgium worked under French charters. In 1833 the Grand Orient of Belgium was formed and recognition given the French in 1840. An effort was made about a year ago to sever these relations, but failed by a few votes. On receipt of his reply I addressed notes to the several American Grand Lodges who had given them recognition, asking if in their opinion it was proper to

recognize the Grand Orient of Belgium, while interdicting all intercourse with the French. The replies were various, and some of them curious. All expressed surprise at the statement regarding the recognition of the French Orient by the Grand Orient of Belgium. From some of the Grand Lodges no replies have been received, and among them the Grand Lodge of New York. That jurisdiction is placed in the position of having issued edicts of non-intercourse with the French and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and refusing to restore relations with the State of Washington, because they refuse to declare non-intercourse with Hamburg, still they recognize and exchange representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

In view of the conflicting conditions I recommend that further consideration of the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Master recommended the refusal of the request of the Gran Dieta of Mexico for recognition, and he declined to renew fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington. All these recommendations of the Grand Master were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Henry Robinson, presented to the Grand Lodge a copy of the Bible printed in 1715.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for any Mason after becoming a member of any Lodge owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Florida, to enter upon, and engage in the business of liquor selling, and any member who violates this regulation shall be subject to charges and trial for un-Masonic conduct in the particular Lodge in which he holds membership.

It was ordered that a life membership in the "Quatuor Coronati" Circle should be obtained for the Grand Lodge at a cost of $30.

Lodges, 145; members, 4,460; increase, 139.

James Carnell (Ormond), G.M.

Wilbur P. Webster (Jacksonville), G.S.

GEORGIA.

114th Communication, Macon, Oct. 30, 1900.

William A. Davis, G.M.

A great majority of the lodges are prospering in an unusual degree. The financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a most excellent shape. The burden of debt under which they labored for a number of years has

been lifted, and they have now a surplus of several thousand dollars on hand.

From one of the decisions of the Grand Master we learn that perpetual jurisdiction is not recognized by this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Davis is an orator of high standing, eloquent, pleasing, and forceful. We are glad to copy his remarks on the Part of Masonry in the Progress of the Future:

Amid the changes which are so rapidly occurring and which are so greatly accelerated as we approach the dawn of the new century, what of our grand old Order? Must it yield to the crumbling touch of time? Must it succumb to the onward march of higher civilization? Will it be displaced by an organization more in keeping with the progress of the times? Will another order receive the homage of those whose hearts are now burning with love for the oldest, the noblest institution on the earth? Ah, no! Masonry stands for all that is high in thought and progressive in the line of right. The principles upon which it is founded shall live as long as liberty shall last, or freedom assert her sway. There will be new patrons of Masonry then as now, but they will stand on the same rock on which we now stand, the superstructure upon which our forefathers erected this magnificent temple. New songs will be sung and new epics will be written, but they will only blend their melodies with the songs and epics of to-day to perpetuate true Masonic harmony through all ages to come. Masonry has written her name large upon the page of the world's history, and has placed in the Valhalla of American greatness the noblest figures of American manhood; but there are those yet to be born who will reach the same splendid level of character and who will adorn her roll of honor equally as superbly. With her foundation unshaken, her landmarks untroubled, and her ermine untarnished, Masonry will play her part in the achievements of the future. In our veins runs the blood of our sires which we must transmit to our sons from generation to generation. The love of liberty and law, the contention for the right, the spirit of freedom, of toleration, of humanity and benevolence which has been bequeathed to us, we must hand down to all future posterity. Masonry has never been a laggard in the history of the world's progress. She has kept abreast with the onward march of civilization. She has even gone beyond the farthest wave of all civilized influences; and benighted nations are now feeling the benignity of her touch, and the healing of her powers. God grant that the spirit for which Masonry has ever contended may be the inspiration of every heart within my hearing today, and that we may all work together with such love and unity that the achievements of the future may arise as a mighty rock, casting its shadows upon the most glorious achievements of the past.

The children of the Industrial Home paid the Grand Lodge a visit and entertained the brethren with songs and recitations. A collection for the benefit of the Home was then taken up and realized $125.39.

The Grand Lodge resolved to build and maintain a Home for Aged and Indigent Masons, by the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., hereby resolves to build and maintain a Home for the care and maintenance of aged and indigent Masons and their widows, and for the care and maintenance and education of the orphans of Masons.

2. That the Grand Lodge hereby appropriates, for the purpose of building and maintaining said Home, one-half of the surplus now in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and one-half of such future surplus as may hereafter be in the treasury of the Grand Lodge at each and every Annual Communication.

3. That the Grand Lodge hereby resolves and declares that it will not create any debt for the building and maintenance of said Home, nor will it be responsible for any debt created for the building and maintenance of said Home beyond the amount of the appropriation herein specified, and no taxes or individual assessment, either upon members or Lodges, shall ever be laid for the purpose of building and maintaining said Home, or for any purpose in connection therewith.

4. That the building of said Home and its administration shall not be begun until as much as ten thousand dollars in money have been raised and appropriated from the surplus herein appropriated and from voluntary contributions.

We regret to notice the death of Bro. W. S. Ramsay, who for many years was the Chairman of Correspondence. He was an able writer and a true devotee of the Craft. "His spirit was all sunshine; and he made it his business to communicate the spirit to others, as he walked with them along the thorny way."

His successor is Bro. A. M. Lambdin, who furnishes a readable review of the proceedings of 59 Grand Bodies, including Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 433; members, 19,332.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin,(Macon), G.S.

IDAHO.

33rd Communication, Boise, Sept. 11, 1900.

John G. Muerman, G. M.

The Grand Master makes a number of practical suggestions for the benefit of the Craft. From his address we should judge him to have been an efficient officer.

He visited all the lodges and gave instruction in the work.

On his recommendation the non-affiliation resolution of 1897 was repealed. This resolution provided for the compulsory punishment of non-affiliates, and it became evident that the remedy did not cure the complaint.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Foreign Corrspondence, to whom was referred the subject of Mexican Masonry, or more particularly the request of the United Grand Lodge of Mexico, begs leave to report:

The regularity of Mexican Masonry is very doubtful, and several so-called Grand Bodies each refuse to recognize the other.

As to the Gran Dieta, we can only re-echo the sentiments expressed by your committee three years ago. (See page 63, annals 1897.)

The United Grand Lodge of Mexico, as now constituted, so far as we can learn, is clandestine and irregular, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho have nothing to do with Mexican Masonry. Conditions there do not change. Their lodge rooms are used for political gatherings, and politicians dictate the policy of the Grand Lodges. We therefore urge the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the prayer of the United Grand Lodge of Mexico, presented to this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, asking for recognition as a regular Masonic body, be denied.

On the recommendation of the Jurisprudence committee, with reference to brethren engaged in the liquor traffic, it was decided to leave individual cases to the will of the lodges wronged or interested.

With regard to the Grand Orient of Belgium, the same committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, in extending fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, be not rescinded at present, but if said Grand Orient does not see its way clear to sever its friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France, and officially notify us before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary will then be instructed to withdraw the commission of the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Orient of Belgium, and the Grand Secretary shall at once forward a copy of this resolution to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Belgium, also a copy to the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Bro. Fred. G. Mock has another excellent report on

Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of 1899 receive due attention.

Lodges, 29; members, 1,310; increase, 167.

George G. Golden (Rocky Bar), G.M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

61st Communication, Chicago, Oct. 2, 1900.

Charles F. Hitchcock, G.M.

The first business transacted was the appropriation of $1,000 to the relief of the brethren in Texas who were sufferers by the Galveston flood.

The Grand Master reports a year of great activity in all the lodges. Every lodge in the State is strictly complying with all the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Among the deaths we notice that of Harrison Dills at the age of 87. He was Grand Master in 1856 and 1857.

New lodges were formed at Kirkwood and Utica.

Five Schools of Instruction were held, with a total attendance of 1,363. These meetings are productive of much good, their influence extending far beyond the lodges participating.

On the use of robes, and on public processions, the Grand Master says:

Some little friction existed in several of the lodges in reference to the edict which forbids the use of robes and other paraphernalia. It is a pleasure for me to be able to report to you that, after a full and free discussion of the subject, all Lodges have laid aside their robes and other articles placed under the ban, and, as I believe, are strictly complying with the law. It matters not how much difference of opinion there may be respecting these articles, the Lodges recognize the fact that the Grand Lodge has made the law and they gracefully submit.

A great many applications have been received from Lodges for permission to appear in public. It is not deemed for the best interests of Masonry there should be undue display. I, therefore, have declined to grant authority to the Lodges to appear publicly clothed as Masons. The law specifies particularly the proper occasions for such appearance. The occasion should be extraordinary that would permit a deviation from the law.

The following resolution was adopted, and we are at a loss to understand it, unless it means to return to the use of the robes:

Whereas, This Grand Lodge having established a chart

setting forth the symbols of Masonry, and upon which are portrayed characters represented in the Ritual, attired in costumes and ornaments appropriate to their rank; therefore be it

Resolved, That such costumes and paraphernalia are as symbolic of the dress of the characters represented in, and illustrative of the Ritual, are appropriate in the exemplification of work, and are in accordance with the ancient traditions of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge dues are reduced to sixty cents per capita.

Special mention is made of the fact that all the lodges in this large jurisdiction have made their returns, paid all Grand Lodge dues, and have paid all arrearages heretofore reported. Congratulations are certainly in order.

The surplus funds on hand amount to over $100,000, and several motions were made appropriating large amounts to the Orphans' Home, the Home for the Aged, and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, but the outcome of the discussion was the division of the surplus among the lodges, the following amendment being carried:

That all the assets in the treasury of the Grand Lodge in excess of the sum of $30,000, par value, be converted into cash, and less the obligations, appropriations and expenses incidental to this Annual Communication, be pro rated back to the Lodges from which it was collected, in proportion to their membership, as the nucleus of a charity fund in each lodge.

Bro. Joseph Robbins returns to the ordinary form of Correspondence reports, and gives us of his best, very interesting and full of good things. He says that "ostentatious church-going is as liable to the suspicion of being an advertising function with a lodge as with an individual, and no Mason should be compelled to participate in any occasion not strictly Masonic by even so much of duress as a vote of his lodge to attend carries with it."

His review of Canada for 1899 opens as follows:

The whole Masonic world will be grateful to the Grand Lodge of Canada for beginning the publication of a portrait gallery. The journal of the proceedings before us contains the portraits of five Grand Masters whose names are like household words, whose faces are those of the strong men who guided the Grand Lodge in its early days—Col. W. M. Wilson, T. D. Harington, W. B. Simpson, A. A. Stevenson and James Seymour, whose administrations cover the period from its organization in 1855 down to 1871.

On physical defects he says:

The two chief reasons why Grand Masters should avoid as far as possible making specific decisions as to physical fitness for the degrees, are that one class of inquirers need to be taught that the law, being fundamental, cannot be set aside by the Grand Master; and that the other class who do not need to be taught this ought to be discouraged from straining the law to its utmost tension by his refusing to indicate the precise limit to which they can go before he would consider it his duty to call them to account for its violation. In other words it inculcates the idea that if there is a real question, the Masonic conscience should require that Masonry be given the benefit of the doubt.

He thinks that "the whole Porto Rico outfit is composed of dissenters from the original plan of Masonry."

In his notice of Massachusetts, he says:

In response to the welcoming address of Worshipful Master L. W. Standish, "who," in the language of Brother Gallagher, "stands in the eighth generation from that little soldier of Plymouth who commanded his army of twelve in the protection of the settlers," the Deputy Grand Master referred to the fact that during the war of the Revolution nearly every American general was a Freemason, and said:

General Lafayette was made a Mason in one of the army Lodges at Morristown, N. J., in the Valley Forge campaign, the Lodge being called the American Union Lodge, the paraphernalia being loaned for the purpose from St. John's Lodge near there.

We think that we recall that several of our contemporaries echoed with some smacking of the lips, the claim of one of the guild that the position of Illinois in denying the Masonic status to any one who claims it on the strength of having been initiated in an alleged Lodge not holding under a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, would discredit many whom the Masonic world has recognized as Masons, and among them Lafayette, the implication being that he was made in a Scottish Rite Lodge. If any of these parties are in a hurry to expostulate with Brother Gallagher for joggling the underpinning of their argument, they can doubtless reach him by long distance telephone. Call up the Grand Master's office, Masonic Temple.

Lodges, 724; members, 57,325; increase, 2,194.
Chas. F. Hitchcock (Peoria), G.M.
J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G.S.

INDIANA.

79th Communication, Indianapolis, May 22, 1900.
William Geake, G.M.

Two Past Grand Masters have been called away, Bros. Nicholas Ruckle and Jacob J. Todd. Bro. Ruckle was long a prominent figure in Grand Lodge, and was widely known throughout the Continent and highly esteemed as an able and faithful member of the Craft.

Four new lodges were formed.

The Committee on By-laws strike out everything relating to the election of Trustees, holding that the Master and Wardens are ex officio the trustees of all Masonic lodges and cannot be superseded by the election of others to that office. We can see no good reason why the lodges should be fettered in that way. In holding the title to land, for instance, special trustees are better, as being likely to be more permanently in office than the Master and Wardens.

Bro. Thomas B. Long submitted an elaborate report on the application of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico for recognition. It does not appear that this body has the unquestioned regularity which is necessary for recognition, and it was decided to postpone all action thereon until further proof or future circumstances shall bring up the question again.

Bro. Long also reports in full on the Gran Dieta of Mexico. After recital of the principal facts, he asks if any one could fail to be impressed with the utter confusion and most reprehensible conduct existing in the several Masonic organizations in Mexico. On his recommendation all action as to recognition was indefinitely postponed.

Lodges, 496; members, 52,122; increase, 1,221.

Olin E. Holloway (Knightstown), G.M.

William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

27th Communication, Wagoner, August 14, 1900.

Peter B. Arthur, G.M.

The Grand Master reports that Masonry is making wonderful strides, and that the fruits of its civilizing power are seen and felt on every hand. "Wherever a Masonic Lodge is established in this Grand Jurisdiction, the social and moral virtues are in the ascendancy—illiteracy, and its consequences, crime and immorality are on the decrease."

Under the head of Visitations he says :

Urgent invitations have come from several Lodges for the Grand Master to make official visits and settle some local difficulty, or straighten out some controverted point at issue, or an imaginary tangle. But owing to other pressing engagements—usually gripping two plow handles—and feeling that I could settle the point at issue by correspondence, with less time, expense, and difficulty. I adopted the "mail system," and am glad to be able to communicate to you the fact that I have settled every known problem in a satisfactory way—so far as I have been informed. The monies that would have necessarily been used in making those official visits will bring better and more permanent results in stone and mortar, applied to the Masonic Orphans' Home. However, I made, without the use of time or money, two official visits, by invitation.

Six new lodges were formed.

In calling attention to their Orphans' Home, the Grand Master has the following:

Those of you who have not had the experience can form no conception of the vast amount of illiteracy, and the lack of school facilities in the rural districts of the Indian Territory. While engaged on the United States census this year, I found whole families who could neither read nor write; and one in particular, consisting of sixteen members.

The children of some of our departed Brothers are wandering aimlessly around, and growing up to man and womanhood without a smattering of education, or a superficial knowledge of the social virtues. This should appeal to our hearts and "pocket-books" as nothing else can. Brethren! Let us lay the foundation of this edifice firm and deep; so deep that the seasons of adversity (which are sure to come) will not freeze it out. Do not get discouraged, but patiently continue to deal "sledge-hammer blows" in behalf of the Home and ever keep in remembrance the old, but truthful adage, "Large oaks from little acorns grow."

The fund for the Home amounts to about $3,000, and liberal donations are expected during the coming year.

The Grand Lecturer reports a greater degree of enthusiasm than ever before manifested, and most of the lodges doing well.

Bro. J. S. Murrow made a very brief report on Correspondence. A motion was passed to have a full report next year.

Lodges, 98; members, 3,780; increase, 155.

J. W. F. Parker (Davis), G.M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G.S.

IOWA.

57th Communication. Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.
Thomas Lambert, G.M.

Harmony prevails and there has been a steady decrease in the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges.

At the age of 74 there passed away one of the most prominent members, Bro. Edward A. Guilbert, P.G.M., a man of great force of character, who, for a third of a century, exercised great influence in the Councils of all Iowa Masons.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. J. C. W. Coxe furnishes another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, and in his review of our Proceedings of 1899, he has the following criticism on the unnecessary publication of the reports of our District Deputies. His suggestion is worthy of consideration :

> Two hundred and twenty pages are devoted to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. These officers were efficient and serviceable without doubt, but as they are the representatives of the Grand Master we can but wonder why they are not required to report directly to him and allow him to embody in his report such facts of interest as he might deem wise for the good of the craft. The reports embody much repetition, and we question whether the elaborate detail of visits and banquets, etc., is worth the candle. The reports cover nearly one-half of the official proceedings, the first one occupying more space than does the report of the Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 491; members, 29,328; increase, 847.
Willard L. Eaton (Osage), G.M.
T. S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G.S.

IRELAND.

At last we have something from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, something more definite than the annual list of office-bearers and returns of receipts. The pamphlet now before us contains the usual summary and also an address delivered at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in Dublin on the 27th December, 1900, by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sir James C. Meredith, L.L.D.

The address covers eighteen pages. The first topic is

the visit of her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, to Ireland, the address presented to her by the Grand Lodge, and the particulars of Her Majesty's visit to the Masonic Orphan Girls' School in Ireland. Next is mentioned the annual meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, and the entertainment by Grand Lodge of such of the distinguished Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors from all the important cities in the United Kingdom as were members of the Craft. The war in South Africa is then touched upon, with mention of the Irish lodges in Johannesburg and the relief of their members. Among the foreign Representatives appointed we find the name of R. W. Bro. the Right Honorable Gerald Fitzgibbon, from the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Deputy Grand Master says that he is "one whom I am quite sure there is not a man in this room who does not love, venerate and respect." His lamented predecessor, Bro. Humphrey Minchin, had a special love for the Orphan School and was loved by every child who had been in the School for a long time past. On the state of the Craft, and other matters, Bro. Meredith says:

The general progress of the Craft continues to be eminently satisfactory. Our numbers are increasing, but of course we cannot expect the increase from year to year to be quite up to the increase of last year or the year before. The year before, you all know, was a record year in the numbers who joined our society. Our numbers are continuing to increase, and that is a satisfactory and a healthy sign. Nine new Warrants were issued during the year. Of these two were for holding Lodges in the City of Belfast, where the number of Lodges working is much in excess of the number in the City of Dublin. Of course you all know that there is in Belfast a very much wider field from which to draw than there is in the City of Dublin. In Belfast the number of the population who would join the Masonic Order is very much greater in proportion to the population of the city than is the number who would join in the City of Dublin. Four Warrants were issued for the Province of Down, and two for the Province of Derry and Donegal.

The ninth new Warrant that was issued was one with reference to which I must say a word or two. There was in that distant part of the world, Siam, no Masonic Lodge whatever, but there were a number of brethren there—English Brethren, and Scotch Brethren, and Irish Brethren—who were anxious to spread the light of Masonry in that country in which they had made their home, but the want of a Warrant prevented them from doing so. Fortunately there was amongst them a Brother who was well known to our Brother Chetwode Crawley, a brother who was known to many Dub-

lin men as the son of a clergyman of the Church of Ireland, and himself a distinguished Trinity College graduate, Brother Travers Drapes. He was joined by a number of other Brethren in Bankok, Siam, in an application to this Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant to hold a Lodge under our jurisdiction. That application was acceded to by the Grand Lodge, and a Warrant was sent out. It is but a few hours since I was sitting with my Brother Chetwode Crawley when he was handed letters from that dictant place. One of them conveyed the sad news that before the Warrant reached Siam, our Brother Travers Drapes, who held an important position as a leader of the Bar in Singapore, had been stricken down and died after a short illness. The Warrant which you had here granted for holding a Lodge there was returned by his widow in a most pathetic letter to our Brother Chetwode Crawley, through whose hands it had been sent out. During the year two Warrants were suspended, but upon further investigation, and upon an expression of regret from the Lodges as to the causes which had led to the suspensions, the Warrants were restored—209 in St. George's, Bermuda, and 237 in Ballynafeigh.

You may remember two years ago I mentioned to you that one of our Lodges in a distant part of the world had been exceedingly loyal to us in not varying the date of their Installation without telegraphing for permission to do so, although they only wanted to anticipate the regular date by a few days—a Lodge in Perth, Western Australia; that Lodge has now joined the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, to which I have alluded a few minutes ago, and it will, I am sure, be as distinguished for its loyalty to its new Grand Lodge as it was to its Mother Grand Lodge.

As to the general progress of our financial affairs, I think I may say that the year which is closing is quite satisfactory. The receipts will probably be, on the whole, slightly under what they were last year, but of course we cannot say exactly, as a great many of the Lodges do not pay their accounts until the last day or two of the year, and therefore the receipts of the two or three days to come have to be added. But on the whole I do not think there will be a substantial falling off.

There were some special points which it became necessary for the Board of General Purposes to consider during the past year, and with reference to which I wish to make very brief explanation now. In the first place, a question arose as to the position of a Brother who had been suspended and subsequently restored to good Masonic standing. It has been held that the restoration of good Masonic standing of an individual Brother suspended—remember I am not speaking of suspending a Lodge, for if you suspend a Lodge and restore it, the Lodge is restored to the status ante quo, and therefore every member of it is restored as far as his membership of that Lodge is concerned; but if an individual Brother is sus-

pended, and if after a time the Grand Lodge sees fit to restore him to good Masonic standing, it has been held that that restoration puts him into good Masonic standing, but it does nothing else, and that the members of the Subordinate Lodge to which he belonged have a right to consider whether they will or will not again admit him to their roll of membership.

A question was raised whether a Worshipful Master who had been duly installed could resign his office of Worshipful Master, continuing to be a member of the Lodge. There is one thing that we Masons will not allow. Men are not allowed to put their hands to the plow and turn back. When a man takes upon himself the duties of office he must discharge that office for the regular space of time, and accordingly if a Brother has been installed as Worshipful Master and wishes to be relieved from that office, he can only do so by resigning his connection with the Lodge altogether. If he does that he must remember that he cannot rank as a Past Master of the Craft, because he will not have held the chair of the Lodge for the usual and proper length of time.

The next question was with reference to balloting for affiliation. You know that Lodges may adopt special by-laws with reference to the number of black beans that will exclude from affiliation a Brother who is already a member of the Craft; but if the by-laws of the Lodge contain no special provision as to the number of black beans the ballot must be unanimous. If the Lodge choose to make a by-law that the ballot shall not be unanimous, they may make that by-law and submit it for consideration of the Board of General Purposes, making such proposition of the number as they think reasonable, but until they have such a by-law the ballot must be unanimous. And in this connection it is well that I should remind you of a ruling made during the past year, one which I believe to be a most important and far-reaching one. It is with reference to the power of a Lodge to suspend its by-laws. You are all familiar with the suspending of standing orders of public assemblies. It is not an uncommon thing for some member of a public body to move that the standing orders should be suspended in order to allow the body to do something which according to their written law at the moment they could not do until that law was set aside. But remember this, that Masonic By-Laws are not in the same position as the Standing Orders of any public body. In ordinary public bodies Standing Orders are the laws made by the body itself for its own government, without any reference to the external authority, but the by-laws which a Lodge makes, although made for its own government, are not by any means without reference to external authority. No By-Law adopted by any Subordinate Lodge is of any force or value whatever until it has been approved by a Committee of this Grand Lodge, and therefore any attempt to suspend a by-law which has been approved by this Grand Lodge, is a

proceeding that, as you will at once see, no Subordinate Lodge can be permitted to take.

Last year it was my duty to refer to canvassing for office. I said I was perfectly sure that no brother would canvass for office in this Grand Lodge, but I regret to have to record that the rule has been departed from in one of the provinces. Canvassing for office even in a Subordinate Lodge is most undesirable. It is not right that any member should put another member of his Lodge into the position either of promising to vote for him for any office or of saying he will not vote for him. The election of the offices of a Subordinate Lodge ought to be the spontaneous action of the brethren of the Lodge. It is prohibited in Grand Lodge, and the Board have very properly advised that the same rule which applies to Grand Lodge applies to canvassing for offices in the Grand Lodges of the different provinces throughout the country. I do hope that we shall not again have to call attention to the breach of such an important regulation.

There are 420 lodges; but the membership is not given.

The Grand Master is the Duke of Abercorn. The Grand Secretary is Lord Castletown. The Deputy Grand Secretary is Henry E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin.

KANSAS.

45th Communication, Wichita, February 20, 1901.

Charles J. Webb, G.M.

His eloquent address contains the following:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas:

From Lebanon came the timbers, laboriously felled and prepared. From Zarthon were the ashlars brought, hewn and squared with rude tools. Over what obstacles and with what difficulty were these conveyed to the place of their intended use! What wonderful zeal and fidelity to a cause, in that multitude, with all the warring jealousies and selfish passions of human nature so subjugated that neither envy, discord, nor confusion interrupted the work or disturbed the peace and good fellowship which prevailed among the Craft. Behold the result—a completed whole that had more the appearance of being God's handiwork than man's creation! And the glory of the Divine Presence filled the house and dwelt with man!

What bring we here from our forests and our quarries and with our labors will God be pleased? Have we prepared the timbers and squared the stone so that with exact nicety they may be applied to their intended use. Will envy and discord be absent from our labors, as with our ancient brethren; it is for each within his own conscience to answer it is with each to do.

In all associations of men, envy, self-ambition, and a host of evil passions—the common heritage of humanity—are to be found. If human nature were less human, it might not be so. Like the multitude of germs which infest the air, the passions must find pabulum if they develop; otherwise, they die.

Though we symbolically divest our postulants of the raiment of unrighteousness, there is in our rites no inoculation which per se will render harmless the bacteria of human passions. When we enter the tyled recesses of the lodge we carry with us all that load of human impulses which has made the story of man, since time began, that of a ceaseless struggle.

As Entered Apprentices we are bearers of burdens. If we stain our garments, how may we hope to receive the Master's wage, either here among our fellows, or in that foreign country where we must all travel?

If we would be true to our profession, if we would be in truth temple builders, we must go beyond the material conception of the tradition of our Masonic origin and find therein veiled the symbolic designs by which we must labor if we would receive wages. In patience and with loving kindness to his fellow, must each Craftsman fashion his own work, helping him who may be deficient in skill, not envious of him whose work may be more gracefully wrought.

Substantial prosperity and business success have blessed the people of this State during the past year, and the Masonic Lodges have shared in the general welfare.

The Grand Secretary mentions one lodge as the " banner " lodge, because it raised more candidates than any other, and he also speaks of another lodge as the " banner " lodge in the net gain of members during the year. With all due deference, we would suggest that this is not the proper way to institute comparisons between Masonic lodges, while it may be all right with lodges in other more modern Orders. Masonic lodges are, or should be, on a higher plane than benefit societies or fraternal insurance companies. A Masonic lodge that does its full duty in accordance with Masonic principles is just as much, if not more, entitled to the epithet of a " banner " lodge, as the one that gets in the most members. The undue solicitation of candidates is strongly condemned by our rules, yet this method of comparison will certainly tend to rivalry in the lodges as to which can get most members, and will encourage that which we condemn.

Thanks are given to the Grand Lodge of Canada for the gift of Robertson's History of Masonry in Canada.

A beautiful Jewel was presented by the Grand Lodge

to the immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Henry C. Loomis, but as he thought he was going to die soon, he returned it to the Grand Lodge with thanks, whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge accept this memento in the same spirit in which it is tendered, and that it be made the official jewel of this Grand Lodge, and that a picture of it, with the address of the donor, be printed in the Proceedings.

The Kansas Masonic Home is in good condition, all the inmates being as happy and contented as could be expected. The inmates number 44, and the cost of maintaining the Home the past year, per capita, was $2.69 per week.

In his very valuable report on Correspondence, Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite gives a short history of the organization of each Grand Lodge reviewed, that of our Grand Lodge being as follows:

From 1791 to 1840 there were two distinct British provinces, styled, respectively, Upper and Lower Canada. In these Provinces, England, Ireland and Scotland, had erected a number of Lodges. In 1855 there were 88 Lodges in Canada; 50 English, 14 Irish, in Canada West; 12 English, 2 Irish and 2 Scottish, in Canada East. Forty-one of these Lodges. were represented by delegates at a convention assembled on October 10, 1855, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was organized. The English Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West discountenanced the movement, but articles of union were finally agreed to and the united body was formally recognized by the Grand Lodge of England in December, 1858.

Numerous extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Malone, which is styled "an able document and full of inspiring thoughts."

In his review of Washington, Bro. Postlethwaite says:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence declined to recommend the recognition of the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico. They also reported that they were not ready to extend fraternal recognition to the Gran Logia Soberana de Puerto Rico without first obtaining the declaration of that body that it had exclusive jurisdiction over Ancient Craft Masonry within the Island of Porto Rico, undisputed by any other body or organization on that island. Recognition was granted by the adoption of the report of the committee to the Grand Orient of Belgium. We scan the report on the latter Grand Lodge, looking earnestly for our M. W. Bro. William H. Upton to say something on the subject of the Grand Orient of Belgium's alliance with the Grand Orient of France. but he remains silent upon the subject, possibly he has not

noticed some of the other writers were objecting to recognition because of the reported recognition of the Grand Orient of France, and if so, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington would not consider himself in pleasant company if he were to visit the Grand Lodge of Belgium and be introduced to the representative of a body denying the existence of God and which has banished from its altars the sacred writings. We have concluded to await further developments before recommending to the Grand Lodge of Kansas the recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Lodges, 362; members, 21,622; increase, 882.
Perry M. Hoisington (Newton), G.M.
Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G.S.

KENTUCKY.

The celebration of the Centennial of this Grand Lodge took place at Louisville on the 16th October, 1900, with appropriate ceremonies, in which the children of their Masonic Home took a prominent part. The Centennial Medal contains portraits of their first and last presiding officers, and a picture of the Home. The Grand Lodge has given to the Widows' and Orphans' Home nearly $900,000, and a project is on foot to establish a Home for aged Freemasons.

The Grand Master, Bro. John A. Ramsey, reports the Order as prosperous and in full swing to weave a glorious destiny. He sent $500 to the Galveston sufferers. They have a dozen spurious lodges on the borders of Ohio, and the Grand Master found it necessary to issue a proclamation of warning against them. Seven new lodges were formed. On the Home he says:

There is not in all the world a grander charity, and it is the Mecca to which all Masons who visit this charming city direct their way. It is in no sense our asylum, but in essentials a home and a home in the sweetest acceptation of that beautiful word. It has done more to glorify Kentucky Masonry and to win admiration from the profane than any institution within our borders. Our children are taught industry, sobriety, good morals, and especially a reliance upon the Merciful Father, who always looks down in tender pity upon the fatherless and widow in their affliction. Kentucky Masons were the first to crystalize charity into this admirable system, and it is to-day in the very zenith of prosperity.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted an elaborate report on the questions of ritual and clandestine lodges, from which we make the following extracts:

The facts are as follows: There exists in this State at present a body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of Kentucky, which in its official organ takes occasion to warn all persons against confounding it "with the

Colored Rite of this same name," and makes said publication especially for the information of some of the Masonic journals who are not aware of our (its) status, and are laboring under the belief that our body is of the "Colored Rite." * * *

There is little use for serious argument with charlatans. Every Mason knows that Grand Lodges are not "created or instituted" by legislatures, either by special or general acts. Three Subordinate Lodges under certain conditions may form a Grand Lodge—three men can not. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has, for one hundred years, been practicing and preserving Ancient Craft Masonry in Kentucky without asking any legislative authority to do so, or craving any legislative sanction for its dissolution. The significant points about this legislative Grand Lodge are these:

It may die when it pleases.

It consists of three trustees.

It may contract unlimited indebtedness.

The private property of its members shall not be liable for the corporate debts.

It has no capital stock.

It is not given power to sue and be sued ,or to acquire and hold any property.

Its principal place of business is Covington, Kentucky.

As we said before. we do not know whether the founders of this clandestine Grand Lodge are perjurers or common swindlers. One can read the provisions of their charter and form his own opinion. It is simply our purpose to identify, so far as possible, the persons engaged in this "business" at "Covington. in the county of Kenton, and State of Kentucky." We wish their names to go broadcast to the Craft in this State and elsewhere. Our brethren in Covington can inform inquirers as to the character of the three men who constitute this corporation, and who make a "business" of selling degrees, to which they do not show any title real or pretended.

But there is one feature of their assumed authority to which the Grand Master has called special attention. In the edict of Mr. Pomfrey, dated August 20, 1900, it is stated that "the degree work of the Ancient York Rite in this jurisdiction is identical with that of the F. and A. M. Rite." It is, indeed, singular that this "degree work" should be identical with ours, when it is a constant complaint that no two Lodges in our jurisdiction work exactly alike. Conformity in essentials, diversity in details has always been the practice, if not the rule, in Kentucky.

The College of Custodians never did adopt a written or printed ritual for this jurisdiction; and there is not now any written or printed ritual which contains a word agreed upon by that college.

Bro. James W. Staton reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1899.

Lodges, 469; members, 19,870; increase, 1,080.

William C. McChord (Springfield), G.M.
H. B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

LOUISIANA.

89th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 11., 1901.
Robert H. Cage, G.M.

The condition of the Craft is in every way most satisfactory. There is a deep and earnest spirit pervading the entire Fraternity that speaks well for the future of Freemasonry in Louisiana.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. C. T. Hines, has created an enthusiasm among the brethren that will prove of lasting benefit. He remains with each lodge a week or ten days, imparting instruction in all the details. We copy part of his excellent report;

It affords me much pleasure to state that the condition of the Craft in our jurisdiction, financially and otherwise, perhaps, was never better. I have assisted in conferring more degrees than in any previous year since I have been in the work. The end—the closing of the nineteenth century—might be truly said to be the "banner" year of Masonry for Louisiana.

By a special request of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, who, in the early part of his administration, impressed upon me the importance of teaching our brethren, the best I could, the great fundamental principles and moral application of each degree in our Order, saying to me: "Tell the brethren not to grasp at the shadow and lose the substance, but to go beyond the ritualism, and to learn what each emblem is intended in its symbolism to convey to the building up of the true moral man and the advancement of the human race. Tell them to live Masonry, and to bear this strong testimony to the world, not only avowing what we are taught by precept, but also by exhibiting the reasonable fruits in the bright example of our life and conduct."

Then, brethren of the "mystic tie," "sons of light," for our own personal happiness, and the increasing celebrity of our useful, our time-honored and ancient institution, let each of us throughout our State, and, I might add, throughout the world, carry out and live practically the noble lessons of "good and wholesome instruction" of our good Grand Master.

In this way truth may be displayed in a convincing power; the principles of Masonry will then appear to mankind in their original purity, combining all the moral excellence in the moral world.

Then, and not till then, will the tongues of slander be silenced, or the lip of prejudice be sealed. Then, and not till then, will the institution appear in all its loveliness to the

world. Then, and not till then, shall we experience that sweet consolation which flows from a heart and conscience approved in the sight of our God.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is still improving. At the present rate of dues and assessments, three more years will see them out of debt.

A topical report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Herman C. Duncan. He recommends the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and postponement as to Western Australia. He refuses to recognize the Grand Orient of Belgium, not being satisfied that it has yet repudiated its recognition of the unlawful acts of the Grand Orient of France.

Lodges, 138; members, 5,757; decrease, 205.

Robert H. Cage (New Orleans), G.M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G.S.

MAINE.

81st Communication, Portland, May 1, 1900.

Winfield S. Choate, G.M.

The lodges are in a very prosperous condition, and the reports of the District Deputies contain interesting information upon the condition of the Craft and valuable suggestions for improvement. Three conventions were held for instruction in the work. It is manifest that these meetings are of great benefit to the Craft in general and very materially assist the officers of subordinate lodges in their work.

The following decision is strictly legal. A man must have a domicile, and when he once has one, he does not lose it until he acquires another one. He may truthfully sing the old song, "My Home is on the Sea," but that is only poetic license. His home is on the sea de facto, but not de jure. The unsubstantial nature of the foundation of his family hearthstone is not regarded as permanent, and for Masonic purposes, the land he left claims him still:

An application is presented by a sea captain. He hailed originally from the Provinces, and it had always been his dwelling place when on land until the last few years. For the past three years his wife has been with him on his voyages and his two sons and daughter have been living in this place. He claims his home is upon the sea, but when ashore, if for any length of time (but it is never above a few weeks),

he stops with his daughter at this place. Has the Lodge, at place of writing, jurisdiction?

Answer: If the applicant had taken up his residence in your town there would be no difficulty in the matter, but, as you write, he claims his home is upon the sea. Now, we cannot of course recognize that any man can have a residence upon the sea, but disregarding that claim, there is no claim of residence in this State, even when not absent on voyages. The applicant once had a Masonic residence in the Provinces, and that he has not lost because he has not moved into this State and taken up his residence here. Courtesy to the Provincial jurisdiction would therefore require that application be made for waiver of jurisdiction.

The following constitutional amendment was adopted:

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension, at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the Lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears.

On the subject of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, Bro. J. H. Drummond, in his review of Kentucky, has the following:

Our good brother has not observed what has been done, we think, so closely as we have. There were two propositions involved in the plan proposed by our Grand Lodge. First, that a rejection has the same effect everywhere, as it has in the jurisdiction in which it occurs. Second, that there should be a reasonable limit to the time in which that effect shall be in force, which our Grand Lodge fixed at five years, at the same time stating that it would yield to any other length of time deemed reasonable, that sister Grand Lodges might see fit to adopt. Both propositions have been sanctioned by quite a number of Grand Lodges. Some have sanctioned the first who have not sanctioned the second. But one of the signs that the matter is making progress, is the fact that the proposition was adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States at its last session, changing the time, however, from five years to three.

It was expected, when the action was taken by our Grand Lodge, that the progress toward this end would be very slow.

But every step taken was an advance, and once taken would never be retracted. In fact, the doctrine has made more progress than we expected at the time the action of the Lodge of Maine was taken.

Canada for 1899 receives marked attention.

Lodges, 195; members, 22,277; increase, 112.

Winfield S. Choate (Augusta), G.M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G.S.

MANITOBA.

25th Communication, Winnipeg, June 13, 1900.
John Leslie, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is one which reflects great credit on its author as a Mason of high ability and zeal. We make the following extracts:

I have to report to the Grand Lodge a very pleasant incident which took place at the regular meeting of the Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, in April last. Bro. William McBride, of that Lodge, had been during the winter on a visit to the Holy Land, and while there had attended a meeting of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. The brethren of that Lodge received Bro. McBride with distinguished hospitality, and on his departure handed to him, for the purpose of presenting to his Grand Lodge, a very handsome gavel. This gavel Bro. McBride presented to me, as your representative, at the meeting above referred to. I accepted it with pleasure and thanked Bro. McBride personally for his kindness and trouble. I would recommend that a suitable acknowledgment be made to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge.

I had much pleasure in attending in March last, a meeting of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 1, which was entirely given over to the veterans of the first Red River Expedition. R. W. Bro. D. M. Walker presided, and was assisted by R. W. Bro. H. T. Champion and W. Bro. Colonel McMillan. The meeting was most successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by the very large number present. * * *

My attention has been called to two evils, which, unless something is done, and done at once, cannot but sap the life of Lodges where they exist. I refer to the entirely inadequate provision made by some of our Lodges in the matter of life membership and the suicidal policy which prevails in others of guaranteeing a Masonic funeral to every deceased member. Some of our Lodges have gone so far as to provide that life membership shall be conferred after a certain term of years upon payment of a sum sufficient to pay Grand Lodge fees. Why a man should be rewarded in doing his duty in sharing the expenses and burdens of the Lodge while he was a partaker in its benefits passes my comprehension. The principle is not only unsound, but it is positively dangerous. It may work very well when the Lodge is young and no applications for life membership are possible, but as the Lodge grows older the policy of mortgaging the future will be found to press very heavily upon those who are so unfortunate as not to have reached the desired limit. The question of life membership is a purely business one, and should be treated on business principles. Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has adopted a by-law fixing the rate for life membership at $50, deducting, however, $1 for every year that a bro-

ther is associated with the Lodge. I certainly think that no easier method of obtaining life membership could be provided.

With regard to the second of these two evils the mere mention of it is sufficient to condemn it. It must mean financial ruin to the Lodges which adopt it. It can mean nothing else. Freemasonry will never refuse to provide for the funeral expenses of a brother dying in indigent circumstances, but Freemasonry does not exist to pay the funeral expenses of a member whose family are well able to pay the expenses in connection therewith. I would earnestly urge the brethren of the Lodges, in whose by-laws such a provision stands, to consider the matter carefully before it is too late to make any change.

The proper conduct of the business of a Lodge is of prime importance. Too much careful attention cannot be paid to the degree work, but, at the same time, it is to be remembered that the chief end of Masonry is not to transact business and confer degrees. Masonry is a social order, and that side of it should not be neglected. The brother who comes to meeting afer meeting of the Lodge and has no opportunity of spending a few minutes in conversation with his brethren soon ceases to attend at all. Many of our Lodges are being materially injured by the habit of cutting off the social part of the meeting for the sake of the ritual work. An ordinary Lodge meeting, at which one degree is conferred, can be closed in good time and still allow at least one hour for social pleasures. Man is a social being and craves intercourse with his fellows. If he does not get it at the Lodge room he will go elsewhere. A small sum of money spent in this direction at each meeting will yield ample returns in the more kindly feeling generated among the brethren.

But hand in hand with this social side of Masonry should go the intellectual. I do not intend to dwell upon this point; it has been fully dealt with several times before. I desire simply to call the attention of the brethren to the possibilities for intellectual pleasures which our long winter evenings bring before us, and to urge that this matter be not neglected in arranging for the regular meeting of the Lodge. The Masonic Lodge room should be the intellectual centre of the community. It cannot be so if this phase of Masonry is forgotten.

I am glad to be able to give my unequivocal testimony to the large amount of good that is being done both by the Lodge and by individual Masons in the way of gifts to charitable and benevolent purposes. I notice with pleasure the contributions made by a number of the Lodges to the Patriotic Fund, notably the munificent donations of the Masons of Calgary and Winnipeg. I also notice in the Winnipeg Free Press frequent acknowledgments of amounts contributed to the India Famine Fund by the various Lodges. I have also had brought to my attention numerous acts of charity done in

a kindly, unostentatious way by individual members of the Craft. I take pride in speaking of these things, as it makes me feel that Masonry is a living reality, not a dead formalism. Were the gifts made to charitable organizations by Masons of Manitoba and the North-West Territories grouped together as a Masonic contribution, the aggregate would be more than astonishing.

The Grand Master visited thirteen lodges and is firmly convinced of the beneficial effect of these visits. His one reported decision is questionable; that a man who had lost his left leg above the knee is eligible for initiation. He recommended an annual lodge of instruction in each District. J. Ross Robertson's History of Masonry in Canada is highly praised.

The sum of $100 was voted to the Indian Famine Fund.

The Reports of the District Deputies are more interesting than usual. The Northwest Mounted Police Lodge at Regina is in a peculiar position; all of its officers and members are away except two, being either drafted for service in Yukon Territory or having volunteered for service in South Africa. Several members of Bow River Lodge at Calgary are with the Canadian Contingents, and the S.W. and S.D. are with the Strathcona Horse.

The new lodges are situated at Elkhorn, Red Deer, Duck Lake, Austin and Wolseley.

After twenty years of faithful service, Bro. Wm. G. Scott retires from the office of Grand Secretary, the exacting duties of the public office which he holds requiring his undivided attention. Great regret was expressed at his decision, and a committee was appointed to make him a suitable presentation.

Lodges, 70; members, 3,091; increase, 221.

R. S. Thornton (Deloraine), G.M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G.S.

MARYLAND.

114th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 20, 1900.

Thomas J. Shryock, G.M.

Peace and prosperity prevail. Never was there more activity in the lodges throughout the State. The Grand Lecturer's report is made to the Grand Master monthly, and shows a healthy increase and vigorous interest in all the lodges. The Grand Lodge finances are in splendid

condition. The income is largely in excess of the expenses and their bonded indebtedness is gradually being liquidated.

From the report on the address we take the following:

1. The absence of the Grand Master brings to our minds most keenly our appreciation of his manly presence and permits us to express our great regard for his person and his work; exciting our deepest gratitude to the Supreme Architect who gave him to us, as a wise master builder, placing such designs on the Trestle Board and inspiring us with such zeal for the work that the rebuilding of our Masonic City and Temple have made the closing years of this most remarkable century, memorable for the high standard of Masonic character, which augurs great strength and beauty as we approach the dawn of the new century. May his life be spared to cover as many years in the future and he be permitted to serve his Master and his brethren as well in both the centuries.

2. We pledge ourselves, one and all, to mark well his sober counsel, as it comes to us across the half of our continent, to "guard well the sacred heritage, which has been handed down to us by our forefathers; that no act of ours, individually or collectively, shall cast the slightest reflection or mar a page of the glorious history of the Fraternity." While his word comes to us with the force of law, his earnest wish summons us to a higher spirit of consecration.

3. The prosperous condition of affairs reflects great credit on our Board of Managers, most heartily seconded by a loyal Craft, while the Grand Lecturer, follows the orbit of this jurisdiction with unfailing, tireless energy, shedding the light of his Masonic lore into the darkest places of our jurisdiction and bringing to Light some of the choicest jewels of the Craft. Such a system seems to lack nothing, in its principles, and is most efficiently applied by the Grand Inspectors. Let this M. W. Grand Lodge lead the van, clinging tenaciously to the Landmarks and restoring the perfections of an unfallen race till we reach the fulness of the stature of the perfect man and Mason.

8. The remarkable vigor of the venerable chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Brother E. T. Schultz, finds appropriate mention and here in his own home we rely so implicitly on his Masonic lore, as the great treasure house for all such information, that we regard it as a paradox, that nothing escapes his vision and yet he cannot see at all. Would God some magic art could unravel the complicated threads of Masonic facts now wrapped up in the convolutions of his busy brain and weave a tapestry of his personal reminiscence and historical truths and give us such a chart as few men living could match and none of the fathers could surpass. President Lincoln once replied to a criticism of a General, who had been very successful but unfortunately

yielded sometimes to the influence of liquor, "you complain of his drunkenness: I wish some of the others could get hold of his bottle." Some of us clear sighted men would like to share in the light of Schultz's darkness. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." We rejoice that he still points his telescope to the four quarters of the heavens, and chases the wandering stars to cover. His search-light is on the alert for the sly torpedoes and he slyly blows them out of the water. We cannot expect him to give as much help to the new century as he has to the past, but we express the hope that the coming years may be blessed with a green old age, and that his wonderful works in the line of historical research will preserve his name through many generations.

Canada for 1899 receives due attention.

In his review of Nova Scotia, Bro. Schultz says:

The earliest trace of Masonry we have so far discovered in Maryland is in our own, old Annapolis, when or where, or under what circumstances the Lodge was organized is not known, but it was in existence certainly as early as December, 1749. On August 12, 1750, it, like the Lodge in Nova Scotia, applied for and received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, a warrant to enable it to work as a regular Lodge.

Bro. Schultz thinks that the recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium should be rescinded, if that Grand Body is still in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Orient of France.

Lodges, 104; members, 8,575; increase, 554.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 12, 1900.

Charles T. Gallagher, G.M.

His address opens as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

My acceptance of the position of Grand Master, where your suffrages placed me a year ago, was with feelings of doubt, mingled with some misgivings as to my ability to devote the time required for the duties of the office; the year has closed, however, bringing with it the satisfactory feeling of having at least attempted to fulfil them, and of having been able to devote to its work more time than ought reasonably to be expected of a man actively engaged in a business or profession. The kindly co-operation of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and of Brethren whom it has been my good fortune to meet, throughout the State, has so relieved the burdens of the position and so assisted in its work, that what has been at all

times a pleasant duty has been quickened and performed so orderly and so easily that the year has passed by with hardly a thought of the exactions attending the office.

In the Communications of the Grand Lodge and the meetings of the Board of Directors, at ceremonials and banquets requiring the presence of the Grand Officers, the work performed by others with me has so relieved the labor, and all have so cheerfully joined in the duty to be performed, that my expressions of appreciation to them are not merely perfunctory.

Of the District Deputy Grand Masters too much cannot be said in praise of the care and vigilance bestowed by them on their work. Such constant interest and zeal merit the praise of the Grand Lodge and appropriately find a fitting record on the pages of our minutes.

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the various Lodges I have visited, both officially and informally, I express my recognition of their uniform courtesy, and am pleased to contribute my testimony to the loyal homage always shown by them "to the Grand Master for the time being."

The time has come when more responsibility is placed with the District Deputy Grand Masters than was formerly the custom. In the days of Grand Master John T. Heard, 1857-8-9, it was thought a great undertaking for him to have visited during his three years as Grand Master all the Lodges in the State, there being then about eighty-eight in number. At that time Masonry (and particularly our ritual) was not at its present high standard. Many and frequent visits and an added interest on the part of all the Grand Officers were needed to bring order out of what had been but a few years before almost chaos in many Masonic jurisdictions. To-day with the work of the ritual to as high a standard of correctness as that of any jurisdiction in our country, with a healthy, loyal and devoted adherence to the best principles of our Order by Lodges and Brethren throughout the State, with almost all our Lodges prosperous, the personal encouragement and direction of the Grand Master is no longer as essential as it was in those days and the years immediately following. The growth from 88 to 236 Lodges has occasioned additional demands as to the performance of functions, attendance on ceremonials, and attention to the general business of the Grand Lodge, and these have grown to be so numerous and important that the position will soon require a larger portion of time than any but a man of leisure can devote to it.

With this in mind, I have, without in any particular as far as I know neglecting any of the customary duties of the office, endeavored to place with the District Deputy Grand Masters the performance of duties and assuming of responsibilities peculiarly local and within their line of work. For instance, the annual visitation to Lodges called for by the Constitutions is essentially the day of the year when the Dis-

trict Deputy should represent the Grand Master and attend to the delegated official business. If the Grand Master has been missed from these gatherings, the Brethren will understand that his absence has been by design and for the purpose of preserving to his Deputy the exclusive regard due to his position in the several Districts.

The work of the year in the various Lodges, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and our Temple, and the condition of the Fraternity throughout the State, are most pleasing and satisfactory, as will be seen by the accompanying reports.

Bro. Franklin S. Pratt, a member of Columbian Lodge, recently deceased, bequeathed to the Grand Lodge the sum of $20,000 for charitable purposes. He also gave to his own lodge the sum of $1,000.

The first year passed in their new Masonic Home has closed under most auspicious circumstances and with a most creditable showing in the good work of the Craft.

At the "Grand Feast," which is always celebrated by this Grand Lodge with most interesting proceedings on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the Grand Master commenced the toast list as follows:

The Grand Master.—July 30th, in the Year of Light, 5,733, the Right Honorable and Right Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in England, sent greetings to Henry Price, and in the charter wherein he created him Grand Master, he concluded by saying: "And lastly we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time as he shall judge most fit, as is done here."

Ten years later, when Lord Ward, Baron of Birmingham, County of Warwick, Grand Master of F. and A. M. of England, appointed Thomas Oxnard Provincial Grand Master for North America, the same injunction was repeated.

Ten years later, when our Grand Lodge established a Lodge in Newport, the warrant from the Grand Master in Boston concludes: "And lastly that they do annually keep, or cause to be kept, the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or as near that day as shall be judged most convenient." Following this was a list of the Brethren, Master Masons, made by Abraham Savage at Crown Point, in 1759.

In 1763 the Feast was kept; and a common form in these charters was that it should be enjoined in all these jurisdictions that the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist should be observed.

In 1773 there must have been a great Feast, for "the tables

being furnished, the Brethren (with the guests) enjoyed themselves agreeably to the festivity of the day." And in the account of expenses for fifty dinners, there were thirteen double bowls of punch, twelve bottles of port and seventeen of Madeira. At this Feast, there being at that time two rival Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to direct three "Brethren" as a committee to wait upon the other Grand Master, "Most Worshipful John Rowe, Esquire, and his Grand Officers and Brethren at their office at Colonel Ingersoll's, to acquaint them their healths would be drunk at half after four o'clock. The committee returned for answer that Grand Master Rowe and Brethren convened would return the compliment at that period." This was at the installation of Joseph Warren, of lamented memory, as Grand Master.

Notwithstanding the troublous times after 1773, the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27, 1776. Joseph Webb was Deputy Grand Master, and Col. Paul Revere was Senior Grand Warden. It is stated that about thirty of the Brethren were present, the record bearing the conclusion: "All settled and paid—a very genteel entertainment."

Again in 1778 the Hon. General Gates, and such of his family who were Masons, were invited to attend the Feast of Saint John, and there were one hundred and three Brethren present.

In 1779 the Feast was again celebrated on the 27th of December, and it must have been indeed a notable occasion, for a committee was appointed at a previous meeting "to treat with Brother Wort for an elegant dinner," and the celebration was ordered to be inserted in two public newspapers. Sixty or seventy Brethren are recorded as being present, and "the celebration was conducted with dignity, propriety and harmony, such as to be found and enjoyed only among Masons."

Wendell Phillips, in his lecture on "The Lost Arts," used to begin by stating that the first time he delivered it was at what he called a Lyceum; and that the people of Boston and New England knew but two meetings—the Town Meeting, where there was acrimonious discussion, and an occasional fist fight outside to settle differences; and the Prayer Meeting, which was decorous and quiet, and properly observed. Between these two extremes the people had no knowledge or acquaintance; and when he delivered his lecture on "The Lost Arts," it being in a church, the people were in doubt whether they should applaud, or whether they should dispute with the lecturer; but the boys, he said, compromised the matter by playing quorum in the galleries, and seeing who could jump the farthest from the steps into the entry below.

I feel sometimes as if our Brethren in Masonry, recognizing the religious character of the Institution, had, in observing this Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, found a comfortable, midway, common, every-day good time between the serious

side of Masonry and the rougher and more troublous times of life. Suffice it to say that the Feast was faithfully observed by them, and, as I found it expressed by the old records, "with decency and mirth."

These comparisons and this little historical narrative give a clue to the way in which we should enjoy the Feast of St. John. We come here for a good time, but we do not forget the day or the occasion; we do not forget those eminent Christian patrons of Freemasonry, toward whom we look and to whom we bow; the elder St. John, the Baptizer, who lived a life of suffering and martyrdom, and was brought to his untimely end by the machinations of a dancing girl with a mother of questionable repute, and the weakness of a false king; and the younger St. John, the Evangelist. So far as Scripture states the Evangelist never met the Baptizer, except when he heard him preach at Bethany. The one, the holy St. John the Baptist, whose day we celebrate on the 24th of June; and the other, the Evangelist, whose day we celebrate to-day, are our eminent Christian patrons of Masonry, represented in every Lodge by the parallel lines; and to them we pledge anew our devotion, our reverence and our loyalty. I desire you, Brethren, to join with me in drinking this our first regular toast To the Memory of the Holy Saints John.

They have four lodges in Chili and one in China.

Lodges, 236; members, 41,019; increase, 1,148.

Charles T. Gallagher (Boston), G.M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

57th Communication, Detroit, January 22, 1901.

Lucian E. Wood, G.M.

Three new lodges are reported.

The Grand Lecturer held 61 lodges of Instruction. The attendance at these schools ranged from 59 to 711. The total attendance reached the very large number of 12,022.

The gift from the Grand Lodge of Canada of Bro. J. Ross Robertson's History was acknowledged by a unanimous rising vote of thanks.

The new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

The following report was adopted, thus limiting the jurisdiction over rejected candidates to five years, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the resolution of Bro. J. L. Dynes, to amend Sec. 4, Article 12, of Grand Lodge Regulations, and Sec. 1, Article 17, of Grand Lodge Regulations.

These amendments relate to the personal jurisdiction that Lodges have over their rejected material wherever residing, usually termed perpetual jurisdiction. Under the present law, if a candidate for the degrees is rejected, he is ever after the material of the Lodge so long as he resides within the State; and if he moved into a State with a law like ours, it respects the law of this State. If, however, he removes into a State that does not recognize perpetual jurisdiction, our law is not respected, and it will receive and act upon the petition of a candidate under its own law, completely ignoring our law of perpetual jurisdiction. It is safe to say about one-half of the American Grand Lodges recognize this doctrine and the other half are occasionally repealing this law, opening the iron hand of despotism and recognizing the fact that a man can reform, and should not be eternally under the ban of bad report. Repentance and forgiveness are Masonic jewels, to be regarded and practiced by all good Masons.

The proposed amendment, if adopted, will give the Lodges jurisdiction over the material above mentioned for five years, when the lien will be raised and a rejected candidate, if he has removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge that rejected him, may apply to a Lodge where he resides for the degrees, the Lodge which rejected him having no further jurisdiction over him.

Your committee recommend that the amendment be adopted.

There are 45 inmates in the Masonic Home. The average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was $2.91.

Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Queen Victoria were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, as follows:

"One touch of nature makes all the world akin."

Whereas, by the death of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, the King of Kings has called from this earthly sphere a woman of exalted virtues and of blessed and glorious memory, and,

Whereas, the Brethren of our Sister Grand Lodges of Canada and England are to-day mourning the demise of their dear and well-beloved Sovereign Earthly Ruler, and,

Whereas, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and now, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, is in great affliction, through the loss of his beloved mother, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, U. S. A., acknowledging the will of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, and deeply realizing that the ties of fraternal love and friendship hold us in bonds of loving union with our afflicted brethren, hereby extend most affectionate greeting and heartfelt sympathy to our brethren of the Grand Lodges of Canada and England,

and to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and prays that the God and Father of us all may, of His great mercy and loving kindness, comfort their souls and speak peace to their hearts, and, giving them grace to say, "Father, Thy will be done," may fill them all with an earnest longing and an ardent desire to emulate the good life and practice the noble virtues of their honored, beloved and most illustrious dead.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Grand Secretaries of these Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Lodges, 388; members, 43,742; increase, 1,760.
Frank O. Gilbert (Bay City), G.M.
Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

48th Communication, St. Paul, January 23, 1901.

The first business transacted was the passage of a resolution of sympathy on the death of Queen Victoria, which was cabled to King Edward, as Grand Master of Masons in England.

Peace and harmony prevail; their altar fires are burning brightly and the lessons which they teach are bringing forth good fruit. Five new lodges were formed. The Grand Master gives the following information from the District reports:

As has been said heretofore, no one appreciates more fully than the Grand Master the value of a good competent corps of deputies.

The usual blank reports were sent to each of the thirty-four Districte Deputies with their appointment, and a request that they visit every Lodge within their respective districts and make their report on the first day of December, 1900. Twenty-four have reported, and their reports are filed with the Grand Secretary for future use. Ten have visited every Lodge in their districts. Some of the reports are models, covering every detail. A total of 114 Lodges have been visited by various deputies, an increase over last year of twenty-four Lodges. From their reports we gather the following information: Twenty-eight lodges own their own halls or buildings; the value of the same, in round numbers, is $109,100: amount due on buildings, $65,800; the value of paraphernalia of the various lodges, $81,655; insurance on same, $49,270; number of meetings held during the year, 2,233; number of degrees conferred, 1,606; amount of unpaid dues, $21,229; cash and cash investments, $54,500; liabilities other than on buildings, $6,498; Masonic funerals held, 60; minutes not signed by Worshipful Master in sixteen different lodges.

A resolution was passed that in future all exemptions of Grand Lodge dues by subordinate lodges be prohibited and the practice abolished.

Bro. Irving Todd again reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 221; members, 16,886; increase, 407.

Gideon S. Ives (St. Peter), G.M.

Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSISSIPPI.

82nd Communication, Meridian, Feb. 21, 1900.

H. H. Folk, D.G.M., and acting Grand Master.

Bro. Folk is not satisfied with the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He thinks that there is no real abandonment of the resolutions of 1898, which recognized negro lodges. We quote part of his comment:

In this connection it is worth while to emphasize the fact that in our resolutions of last year, severing our relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, they were not based upon the ground that its resolutions primarily related to the status of certain persons of color, but because they were utterly bad and vicious without any reference to the color of the individual proposed to be legislated into its Lodges, for had they referred to white men alone, they would have been equally objectionable. The Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg are composed entirely of whites, but any Grand Lodge which keeps company with a Grand Lodge which has "abolished God," or which persists in maintaining Pythagoras Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, cannot keep company with us.

Several brethren in Cuba want to know if they can get a charter from this Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was adopted:

Bro. W. B. Walker offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that it is un-Masonic and reprehensible for one aspiring to office in the Grand Lodge, or a Subordinate Lodge, to personally solicit the votes of his brethren.

An assessment of 25 cents per capita was levied for the Endowment Fund of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to charge up to each Subordinate Lodge one day's per diem in every case where its Representative leaves the Grand Lodge before

its close unless the authority of the Committee on Leave of Absence be obtained.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Andrew H. Barclay and is an excellent production, noting all the important matters, interspersed with bright comments. Our proceedings of 1899 receive a good notice, with copious extracts from the address of Grand Master Malone. In his review of West Virginia, he says:

Saloon keeping is a character. It is either moral or immoral. The individual partakes of the character of the business in which he is engaged. Now, no one will have the hardihood to contend that the saloon business is a moral employment. Being immoral, the man who engages in it is immoral, and can it be argued by any one that a Mason would be going too far by keeping such an one out of the Lodge?

It has long been the law in Mississippi that no one engaged in this business can be a member of a Masonic Lodge, and, so far as our knowledge extends, there is not to-day a man engaged in the saloon business, in any way, who is a member of a Masonic Lodge. The law requires that the man must quit Masonry. There is no place in the Masonic Lodge for a saloon-keeper in the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi.

Lodges, 280; members, 9,580; increase, 204.
B. V. White (Meridian), G.M.
J. L. Power (Jackson), G.S.

MISSOURI.

80th Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 16, 1900.
C. H. Briggs, G.M.

He held eight State lodges of Instruction, at which over ninety lodges were represented, and much good was accomplished. Many requests were made for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, all of which were refused. On the subject of Sunday processions, we commend the following:

I have refused several requests for dispensations to authorize Lodges to appear as Lodges on Sunday for the purpose of attending Divine worship, and one request to authorize the laying of the corner stone of a church on Sunday. Section 217 is explicit: "No Lodge meeting shall be held on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, except to perform funeral services." With this section before me I could not give Lodges permission to meet on Sunday, even to attend Divine worship, and it would ill become the Grand Lodge to assemble on Sunday to lay the corner stone

of a church, when the law forbids Subordinate Lodges from meeting on that day, "except to perform funeral services."

Our ancient Brethren wrought six days in the week and rested on the seventh day. This is one of the ancient landmarks which should not be transgressed, even for the purpose of laying a corner stone, at the request of a church.

We also quote his remarks about their Masonic Home:

I have visited the Home several times during the year, and have been pleased to note the manifest tokens of content and happiness on every hand. The children are well cared for in every way, and the Superintendent and Matron have not spared themselves in ministering to the comfort and well-being of the old people. It is, indeed, a Home to all who have found shelter there. With such a Board of Directors to oversee its affairs, always ready to co-operate with the Superintendent and Matron in all that tends to promote its interests, the Masonic Fraternity throughout the State may rest assured that all will be done to make this noble charity all that the Grand Lodge can desire.

The accommodations for the old people are not what they should be, and are much too limited to meet the urgent calls which are being made. For these reasons the Board of Directors some months ago determined to build a much-needed addition to the Home, and, with my approval, called upon the Lodges for subscriptions to aid this necessary work.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate for this purpose all that can safely be spared from the funds in the Treasury. By action taken some years ago the Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden were made ex officio members of the Board of Directors. They are in a sense a Visiting Committee of the Grand Lodge. I know of no good reason why the Deputy Grand Master should not be of the number, and recommend that he also be made an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

The following amendment was adopted. It seems to countenance "mixed funerals," a matter which was hotly debated some years ago:

A Lodge, as such, may attend the funeral of a deceased Brother and accompany the remains being conveyed to the place of interment, whether the Lodge, or any other Masonic body, perform the Masonic funeral rites at the grave. But nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the appointment of non-Masonic pall-bearers by the family of the deceased, or prevent any church or moral and benevolent society from uniting in the funeral procession, or from rendering its ceremonies at the grave, or prevent any civic or public demonstration of respect for the deceased brother.

In connection with the same matter a committee was appointed to revise the Burial Service.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the use of intoxicating liquors in a hall dedicated to Masonry is a desecration thereof, and hereby forbidden.

A decision was approved which allows the initiation of a man whose left hand is off at the wrist, provided he had an artificial hand.

Bro. John D. Vincil, in his excellent report on Correspondence, says that

I would add that the stability and worth of the Masonic Institution, as well as its perpetuity, will be found in the moral excellence of its membership. Masonry is either moral, or it is the opposite. This has been my contention for forty years. If it is not what we teach, "a beautiful system of morals," then our teaching is mockery.

In his review of Canada for 1899, Bro. Vincil pays us the following compliment:

Grand Master Malone presented quite a lengthy Address, being twenty-five pages in extent. Speaking of the "Conditions of the Craft," he said, "information from all parts of the province justifies me in reporting a very prosperous year." He stated that the Lodges had "expended over $8,000 in practical Masonic charity." This amount, added to the large sums annually granted by the Grand Lodge for benevolence, shows what our brethren of the Dominion are doing in the way of "helping, aiding and assisting" the needy and distressed among the Masonic fraternity of that country. There is no doubt but our English-speaking brethren, both in the Dominion and in the Mother Land, outdo all other peoples in providing and disbursing pure, genuine Masonic Charity. Masonry with them means much. We of the "States" might learn lessons of value from them.

Lodges, 557; members, 33,336; increase, 1,396.
Campbell Wells (Platte City), G.M.
John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

MONTANA.

36th Communication, Great Falls, Sept. 19, 1900.
Anthony H. Barret, G.M.

Great regret is expressed at the death of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Henry Chappel, who died at Flagstaff, Arizona, in the thirty-ninth year of his age. Bro. Chappel was a Canadian, being born at Bowmanville, and was a graduate of Trinity Medical College, Toronto. He was initiated in Orono Lodge, and went to Montana in 1889. He served one term as Mayor of the City of

Billings, and the citizens testified to the universal esteem in which he was held by attending his funeral in large numbers and closing up all places of business.

The Grand Master believes that the rapid multiplication of lodges should be viewed with distrust. He visited a number of lodges and finds Masonry advancing steadily, and quiet conservatism prevails.

The Grand Secretary thought that he stood at the head of the list for family membership, having three sons members of the Craft, but Bro. Samuel L. Bryant, of Doric Lodge, at Big Timber, has four sons in the lodge with him, and two other sons are members of a lodge in Ohio.

For two weeks of the year, the Craft was ruled by the Grand Junior Warden, an unprecedented occurrence, the Deputy Grand Master having died, and the Grand Master and the Grand Senior Warden being both absent from the State.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The sum of $100 was voted to the Galveston sufferers. The ladies of the Eastern Star in Butte raised $600 in aid of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge dues were raised from $1.50 to $2.00, the increase being set aside each year to create a fund for a Masonic Home.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges presented his thirtieth report on Correspondence. Canada for 1899 has a good notice. In his review of Illinois he has the following eloquent remarks on the subject of Masonic Homes:

Under the head of "Masonic Homes" Brother Robbins raises the query whether the present rush into the building of these institutions is not a part of the general wave of "spectacularism" which has been sweeping over the fraternity for the last twenty-five years. Possibly there may mingle in this movement some of the spirit which the Great Master describes as sounding a trumpet in advance of almsgiving, but there is also we think much of that more commendable spirit which would not have the left hand know what the right hand doeth. At least the bent of "spectacularism" toward Masonic Homes is not to be classed as parades, scenic displays or even splendid Masonic temples. We do not claim that this is the only or even the best way always to administer Masonic relief. There is a better way to do most everything that is now done, but the Home seems to be the best in most cases to save the worthy, destitute, and enfeebled from feeling humiliated to the rank of pau-

pers doing nothing for their own support. Where Homes are supported mainly by a per capita tax there is necessarily inequality of taxation. But we misjudge human nature if it does not minister to a manly pride and satisfaction of the poorest member and make the payment of dues easier to know that a portion of what he pays goes to relieve some one whose needs are greater than his own. It is more creditable to the body of a craft that teaches meeting upon the level, that all should share in the work of relief rather than await the advent of some richer brother who wants to erect a monument to perpetuate his name with that which is most Godlike in human nature. This last is a worthy ambition with richer rewards than crown the successful warrior or statesman, but hitherto comparatively few in all the world's history have preferred this open road to enduring fame. If the world depended upon extemporaneous charity of those most able to give, human misery would increase with every setting sun. It needs collecting reservoirs to gather the tributary rills as well as to store the ample floods, and equal care to distribute to the waste and desolate places. It has been a reproach to Masonry that its charity too often exhales in sentiment. Hence the numerous kindred societies that promise something more substantial. It is not right or wise to be frightened with fear of being called a "beneficiary society." It is both right and wise to study the designs on our trestle-board. On it will be found inscribed, "to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all mankind, but more especially upon Masons." The poor, weak, needy and distressed we shall always have with us of our own household, and how can we better do our duty by them than to provide for such a Home, not of luxurious ease, but a harbor of refuge for those wrecked on the stormy sea and rocky shores of life. Brother Robbins may think by this time that we have adopted a topical plan, but we plead interest in the matters suggested by his report and not in any controversial spirit have drifted beyond the length of our cable.

Lodges, 47; members, 3,144; increase, 144.
Theo Brantly (Helena), G.M.
Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

NEBRASKA.

43rd Communication, Omaha, June 6, 1900.
William W. Keyser, G.M.
His address opens as follows:

The past Masonic year has been an auspicious one for us as citizens and Freemasons. The trying times of drought, financial stringency and business stagnation have passed away, and cheerfulness and courage again animate the

hearts, invigorate the brains and steady the hands of all who plan and toil. National honor has been maintained at home and preserved abroad; free government and Christian civilization have received a prodigious impulse at our hands, and commendable progress has been made in the solution of the momentous problems submitted to us, as we believe, by Him who holds the nations in the hollow of His hand. Surely the goodness and mercy of the Lord have followed us in our public and private affairs since our last Annual Communication.

It affords me exceeding pleasure to report that Freemasonry has prospered remarkably in this jurisdiction during the past year. Work has been abundant and our Lodges have grown stronger in numbers and finances; the needy have been supplied; the sick nursed; the dead buried; the widow assisted and the orphan educated; harmony has been restored in several quarters, and with one or two unfortunate exceptions, peace and brotherly love prevail throughout our jurisdiction; the practice of Lodges visiting, assisting and entertaining each other at the banquet board has extended; and happily there has been a perceptible uplift in the character of the candidates admitted, and a truer apprehension of the higher ends of our Institution.

The Grand Custodian held 44 lodges of Instruction and visited eleven lodges singly.

The Grand Master thinks that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1899, "which apparently rescinded those of the year before, re-affirmed them in a more insidious form." The committee to whom the matter was referred brought in a resolution to sever fraternal relations with said Grand Lodge, and this resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who asked and received further time to report thereon.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be permitted to omit from his address all matters relating to deceased brethren, and that such matters be embodied in the report of the Standing Committee on Fraternal Dead, and be published at the same time as the Grand Master's address and reports of officers.

The Gran Dieta of Mexico was recognized.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 234; members, 12,361; increase, 427.

Albert W. Crites (Chadron), G.M.

Francis E. White (Plattsmouth), G.S.

NEVADA.

36th Communication, Virginia City, June 12, 1900.
John M. McCormack, G.M.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges where he thought it would do the most good. He speaks in high terms of his receptions, and the prosperity and harmony that prevail.

The business transacted was of local interest only.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. A. D. Baird, giving a concise review of the Proceedings of 52 Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 20; members, 858; increase, 35.
Joseph A. Miller (Austin), G.M.
Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G.S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

33rd Communication, St. John, August 28, 1900.
James G. Forbes, G.M.

The Grand Master is gratified to announce the continued welfare of the Craft, a very respectable increase in numbers and income, "whilst the standards of Freemasonry have been held aloft, and the moral and spiritual teachings of our ritual have been impressed on all who have entered our gates with zealous faithfulness."

Severe and prolonged illness in his family prevented the Grand Master from visiting all the lodges, but the record of his official visits is a most gratifying one.

He appointed no less than 24 additional Grand Representatives. Some of the Bodies thus recognized are not exactly in good standing, notably the Gran Dieta of Mexico.

A new lodge was formed at Petitcodiac.

The following report was adopted:

The committee appointed under resolution of Grand Lodge last year, as printed at page 531 of the Proceedings, in regard to an amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, respectfully report that efforts to get a meeting of the joint committees were not successful, and that, therefore, nothing was done. It may be wise to continue the committee another year, and it is recommended that this be done.

The sum of $200 was placed at the disposal of the

Grand Master to provide instruction in the ritual to the country lodges.

Lodges, 32; members, 1,817; increase, 39.

James G. Forbes (St. John), G.M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

111th Communication, Concord, May 16, 1900.

John McLane, G.M.

In the opening remarks of the Grand Master we find the following paragraph:

The year just passed has brought to my mind more forcibly than ever before the power and influence of real Masonry for good among men. Its principles are immutable and everlasting as truth. Its influence in moulding and fashioning character is immeasurable. Ours is the nation of the future. Here manhood in the highest and largest sense is to obtain its fullest development. Masonry, aiding and improving such development in the individual man, is thus moulding and fashioning character in the community, in the state and in the nation.

Bro. McLane has been forced to the conviction that it would be wise for the Grand Lodge to recede from the position heretofore held which claims perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no report thereon appears.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the practice of Lodges from this State going into other jurisdictions to confer degrees, according to our own ritual, and having Lodges from other jurisdictions come into this State to exhibit the work of their jurisdiction and to confer the degrees, is unlawful and should not be continued.

Franklin Lodge, No. 6, at Lebanon, has the oldest Tyler in New Hampshire, and probably the oldest in the world in continuous service. Bro. Norman C. Hewes has been Tyler of that lodge for 46 years.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. A. S. Wait, a talented and able writer, whose sound Masonic views commend themselves to us in almost every case. Our proceedings of 1899 receive a good notice, and he pays a compliment to Grand Master Malone on his address. On the subject of suspension, he says:

With us, as we understand it, "suspension of membership," or "suspension from membership," is the interruption of the

privileges flowing from membership in a Lodge, such as the right to participate in its proceedings, the right to be relieved out of its treasury in case of distress, the right to join in its processions, the right of Masonic burial, etc.; but it is not a deprivation of the privileges of the fraternity in general, such as to communicate Masonically with the brethren individually, the right of their individual charities, according to his necessity and their ability.

Lodges, 78; members, 9,369; increase, 129.
George I. McAllister (Manchester), G.M.
Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

114th Communication, Trenton, January 23, 1901.
Joseph E. Moore, G.M.

From the personal observation of the Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputies, a prosperous and generally harmonious condition of the Craft is indicated, with a large increase in membership.

A cable message was sent to the Grand Master of England expressing fraternal sympathy in his personal bereavement and admiration for the illustrious Queen.

Their Masonic Home has 34 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was $288.40 per inmate.

We take the following paragraph from the report of the committee:

While considering the plans for the addition to the Home, your committee were impressed with the necessity of setting aside a part of the new structure for the accommodation of the sick, where they could receive the necessary attention and be separated from the rest of the family. We accordingly devoted the rear of the second floor to that purpose, where we have caused to be constructed two wards—one for males and one for females—with accommodations for six patients each on an emergency. Between these wards is the nurses' room, with a window opening into each for observation. There is also provided a convalescents' sitting-room, a bath-room, a closet, and a physician's office. While your committee were considering the question of properly furnishing this infirmary, we were approached by W. Brother Henry M. Doremus, P. M., of Northern Lodge, No. 25, with a most generous proposition. During the past year he and his family had been heavily afflicted by the loss of a son, Nelson B. Doremus, a most estimable and promising young man, and a member of Northern Lodge, No. 25. He had shown that he was possessed of much more than ordinary ability, and had one of those happy, winning natures that won for him the esteem and affection of all who were fortunate enough to

know him. The young man was an enthusiastic Mason, and his sorrowing parents, looking around for some adequate means of keeping green in the hearts of others the name and memory of their son, as it must ever remain in their own, finally decided to completely furnish the infirmary in the Home. At his father's request permission to do so was gratefully given by a committee, and, as a result of the large-hearted benevolence of W. Brother Doremus, the infirmary has been completely, comfortably and elegantly equipped with everything required to make those who may be compelled to avail themselves of it, comfortable. Many an ailing brother will, in the years to come, pour benedictions upon the true Mason whose large-heartedness has added so much to their comfort, and will hold in grateful memory the name of the young Brother whose noble qualities prompted this benefaction.

An eloquent address was delivered by Bro. Charles A. Alden, from which we extract as follows:

Freemasonry is no modern fad; its foundation stones are laid deeper than were the ruins of Pompeii. It has buried its human caskets in the silent cities of the dead for thousands of years; it has reared monuments over more than hundreds of generations of men and to-day is in its prime, circling the globe as has no other organization in the world's history; it lives and breathes in all kinds of climates in calm repose, is fanned by the whispering zephyrs of the South, and with changeless mien triumphantly meets the icy winds of Arctic temperature from the North; and while Rome ruled from her seven hills, Masonry has built her temples of power on seven thousand hills and in as many valleys. And her sun is like the glorious orb of heaven, which never sets, but allows the little earth to have, by its own motion, an opening and closing day. I suppose that is to conform to our Ritual concerning the duties of a Master and a Senior Warden—I can think of no other reason. But, some one says, "Freemasonry is not so old; you can only trace your history back for a few hundred years," and I make answer that in the jurisdiction of New York, in old Sagamore Lodge, we have a Brother who, while living in the South Sea Islands, was put through—and I use the words advisedly—for out there they don't allow a man to pass; they just go and put him through and elect him whether he wants to go through or not—what is called the Brotherhood of the Wise; and in a lecture that he has given since he took the degree of Master Mason he has explained the similarity between their work, their words, their ceremonies, and our own, in such a manner as to prove, I believe, to the most sceptical, a common origin: and this in a land of barbarians, where, except by chance, no white man could live: a land cut off from the rest of the world and which holds communication with other lands only, as it were, by the breezes of heaven; a land where they possess no record and

the memory of man runneth not back to the time when this fraternity was born among them: where, I don't know how many centuries ago, they forgot the last remnant of civilization. But then, age does not amount to anything. You and I doubtless know ladies who would always prefer a new dress to an old one; we doubtless have children even at our own firesides who would prefer, strange as it may seem, to play with a bright, new shining silver dollar rather than an old battered gold one, and not spend as much time as some politicians have concerning the difference, either. Some of our old men don't know anything, and a good many of us younger men never will, if we should live to be as old as Methuselah. But, when you notice the craze that exists among "antique" collectors, from a castle on the Rhine to a cancelled Patagonian postage stamp, and when you notice that the man of experience and business is always hunting up tried old firms with which to do business, and when the clouds of sorrow rise over the rain of affliction—which sky was always clear—a man wants his old friends near him. Ah! there is something in a past history; and it is as well for us that our fraternity is noted for the antiquity of its origin and for the fact that it is based upon the principles of a Divine law which was in existence ages before this old earth of ours was even wrapped in its swaddling clothes of mist.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized. Western Australia was held in abeyance.

An application for a new lodge in Newark to work in the Italian language was denied.

Bro. Charles Belcher reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 169; members, 18,100; increase, 714.

Joseph E. Moore (Jersey City), G.M.

T. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G.S.

NEW MEXICO.

23rd Communication, Albuquerque, Oct. 15, 1900.

Elias E. Day, G.M.

The Craft in general in this jurisdiction is in good shape. The Grand Master says that applications for special dispensations are getting too numerous.

With regard to the new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the Grand Master says that he can find nothing irregular in its Constitution and Laws, but he recommends that the Grand Lodge should exercise great care in extending recognition to any new Grand body in the Spanish-American States.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. W. H. Seamon, presented

an exhaustive report on Masonry in Mexico, giving the results of his personal visit to the City of Mexico and other places in that country, and conversations with the leaders of the opposing factions. His conclusions are summed up in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we withdraw our recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District, recognized by us in 1886.

Resolved, That the request of the Gran Dieta for recognition be respectfully declined.

Resolved, That we recognize the United Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz; the Grand Lodge Cosmos, of Chihuahua; the Grand Lodge Santos Degollado, of the Federal District; and the Grand Lodge Hidalgo, of the State of Mexico, as legitimate and regularly organized Masonic Powers within their present defined territorial jurisdictions; that we give them a hearty welcome into the family of Grand Lodges, and that the incoming Grand Master be requested to accomplish the exchange of representatives.

The first two of these resolutions were adopted, and the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua was recognized. nized.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized, and further information was required as to Costa Rica.

Grand Lodge Certificates were ordered to be issued to Master Masons on demand, and on payment of a fee of $2. Past Masters' Certificates were also authorized at a fee of $3.

Bro. W. H. Seamon reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1899.

Lodges, 20; members, 971; increase, 49.

Elias S. Stover (Albuquerque), G.M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G.S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1899, to June, 1900.

John C. Remington, G.M.

It was decided that an unaffiliated brother had not the right to appeal to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made extended tours of the country lodges, accompanied by goodly musters of Grand Lodge officers. After giving the names of the towns visited, he says:

A critic in the Masonic press hints that I found Freemasonry in the country different from that I was familiar with in the city. I desire to say, most emphatically, that

such is not the case. I could not have believed, had I not seen it, that such absolute fidelity, not only to the ancient landmarks, but to the unwritten laws and customs of the Craft, could have been preserved and transmitted pure and unsullied throughout all the Lodges, however remote from Sydney and the influences of example and emulation. For this, as I have already said elsewhere, I attribute much of the credit to the District Grand Inspectors. I hope to continue these visits when the weather gets cooler.

There are still a few lodges not in allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master says that he is still in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England on the subject, and he is not without hope that a peaceful solution of the difficulty and an end to the schism may yet be achieved.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The Grand Master had a slight difference of opinion with the Board of General Purposes, the Board having declined to recommend the issue of a Warrant for a lodge, which the Grand Master afterwards granted. At a subsequent meeting of the Board a motion was made that the Grand Master acted unconstitutionally, but the President ruled it out of order, as containing a censure on the Grand Master. On the matter coming before Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was sustained by a vote of 132 to 16.

Lodges, 188; members, 7,506; increase, 342.

John C. Remington (Sydney), G.M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G.S.

NEW YORK.

119th Communication, New York, May 1, 1900.

Wright D. Pownall, G.M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

Where peace abides, love vanquishes hate, and discord yields to harmony; the voice of factious opposition is silenced, and co-operation is the directing genius by which our powers are multiplied and comfort and happiness are diffused among the mass of the people. Our heavenly Father, with infinite compassion, has heard and answered the Craftsman's prayer. "Let brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us." We have inherited and conserved an honorable peace. We have dwelt in harmony and wrought in unity. And when the historian shall review the labors and the triumphs of our Fraternity during the closing year of the nineteenth century, he will write that never in its history

has the Craft in this State been more united, never have its aims been higher nor its ideals loftier, and never has its efficiency been greater for the performance of labors which may tend to the glory of our "beloved Master" and the exaltation of his Holy Name.

Among the Fraternal Dead we find the name of Bro. Charles Sackreuter at the age of 84. For many years he was a member of the Correspondence Committee, and we are all much indebted to him for his translations of the procedings of foreign Grand Bodies. He was a scholarly man and much respected at home and abroad.

A large number of applications for new lodges were received, but only two were granted.

Nearly all the lodges held appropriate services on the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington, December 31, and an epitome of the services is appended to the address of the Grand Master, thus preserving the many brilliant and eloquent discourses delivered upon this memorable occasion.

The Home has 245 inmates. The current expenses, including repairs, farm and barn expenses, show a per capita cost of $185.81.

Conventions for the exemplification of the work were held in every district, personally supervised by the Grand Lecturer. There are 41 districts.

The report of the Historian, Bro. Peter Ross, is very interesting and instructive. In it he says:

The story of the introduction of the Craft into the United States—or what is now the United States—is involved in doubt; but it seems probably certain that it was mainly brought across the sea by people who were connected in some capacity or other with the military forces. Such outbreaks in Great Britain as the Rebellions of 1715 and 1745 had many officers engaged on both sides who belonged to the Fraternity, and it is safe to say that many a "Brother" carried a trooper's sword, or trailed a musket in the ranks. Hundreds of those who were on the losing side in these outbreaks were transported to this side of the Atlantic, or came here voluntarily, to escape persecution and to establish a new home for the one they had lost fighting for the king they believed it their duty to support. That Masonry existed among some of these there need be no question. Of that, however, they have left no fraternal sign. But there were members of the Fraternity here even before that, and it may be worth noticing as an instance that possibly the first Master Mason to visit North America was Lord William Alexander, who was made a Mason in 1634, in Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh. He died in 1638 as the result of the hardships he underwent while on a

tour of exploration among the then unknown wildernesses and forests of the New World. From that time there were doubtless many brethren settled along the strip of coast which, until after the War of the Revolution, made up the territory which people spoke of as America. But as to their names nothing is now known, nor is it likely that anything will ever be discovered. Certain it is that there were Freemasons in New York—settled in New York—before the advent of Daniel Coxe with his provincial warrant in 1730. There is no record of that, however—his family dwelling and papers at Trenton were burned by the British troops in 1776—and there is no record extant showing that he organized any Lodge or Lodges in this jurisdiction; but in 1737, seven years later, an article appeared in a New York newspaper regarding the meetings of the Fraternity, and in 1739 an advertisement was inserted in one, signed "By Order of the Grand Master," saying that the "Brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons are desired to take notice that the Lodge for the future will be held at the Montgomerie Arms Tavern." The Provincial Grand Master then was Captain Richard Riggs. His successor, Francis Goelet, apparently did nothing to advance Masonry, although probably during his term there were more Lodges than one in New York. I base this surmise upon the fact that when his successor was installed, in 1753, "about fifty brethren" attended the services in Trinity Church, and that all our knowledge of early Lodges shows that fifteen was a fair average numerical strength.

On the strong recommendation of the Grand Master, the sum of $2,000 was voted for the relief of the sufferers by the disastrous fire in Hull and Ottawa.

The lecture on the Bible, adopted last year by the Grand Lodge, was ordered to be transferred from the third degree to the first, and is to be given immediately after the explanation of the three great lights.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, in his special report on the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, says:

The position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Washington in the re-affirmation of the vital principle upon which was based the original action of that Grand Lodge of 1898—in its recognition of a certain class of so-called negro Masons, Lodges, and Grand Lodges—has had the consideration of your Committee in the report on Correspondence submitted at this session of the Grand Lodge, and there does not appear to be a necessity for entering fully thereon, under the head of the reference of that portion of the Grand Master's address delegated to your committee.

It is very generally held that the declaration of 1899, while claiming to rescind the resolutions of 1898, is made the medium wherein is plainly and most emphatically enunciated

the identical principle upon which the action of 1898 was predicated.

It is therein claimed by the Grand Lodge of Washington that its constituent Lodges "possess the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be Masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting, or as applicants for affiliation."

Should this principle be made effective, and under it Masonic recognition be extended to any persons declared by other Grand Lodges to be clandestine, it would most assuredly be an attack upon the sovereignty of other Grand Lodges and a violation of the well-established doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial jurisdiction.

We dispute the right of the Grand Lodge of Washington to concede to its constituent Lodges, alone and without restriction, authority of this nature. We hold that the Grand Lodge of Washington is bound to respect the Masonic status given by sister Grand Lodges to individuals and Lodges within their several Grand Jurisdictions, that the competency of such action cannot be questioned, and that no other course can be tolerated.

It would appear to your Committee that under and by its adherence to the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction (affirmed in the declaration of 1899), the Grand Lodge of Washington cannot, without a violation thereof, make operative the principle enunciated.

Canada for 1899 receives a good notice.
The foreign translations are by Bro. Emil Frenkel.
We copy the following interesting statistics:

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1897	1898	1899	1900
Grand Lodges	57	57	57	57
Subordinate Lodges	12,045	12,186	12,201	12,260
Raised	44,556	42.394	43.542	45,913
Affiliated	17.422	14,050	13,841	14,040
Restored	6,329	6,165	6,632	6,725
Died	12,064	12 193	12,542	13,262
Dimitted	17,728	16,391	16.889	16,824
Suspended for non-payment of dues	18.933	19.177	19.122	17,039
Suspended and expelled	832	819	669	541
Membership	790,885	815,018	833,849	846,395

Based upon the table we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following percentages:

	1897	1898	1899	1900
Accession by new work	5.69	5.26	5.59	5.44
Additions by affiliation and restoration	3.03	2.54	2.63	2.48
Losses by death	1.54	1.54	1.61	1.60
Losses for non-payment of dues	2.43	2.01	2.46	2.03
Losses by dimission	2.26	2.38	2.17	1.99
Net gain of the year	2.21	1.88	1.71	1.75

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order:		The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following:	
New York	98,180	District of Columbia	212
Illinois	55 120	Connecticut	158
Pennsylvania	52,060	Rhode Island	137
Ohio	44,201	New York	132
Michigan	40 387	Massachusetts	125
Massachusetts	39,334	Pennsylvania	121
Missouri	32,153	New Hampshire	119
Indiana	30,901	Maine	114
Iowa	28,430	Delaware	106
Texas	28,141	Michigan	104
Maine	22,165	New Jersey	101
Kansas	20,740	Vermont	99
California	20,442	Utah	89
Georgia	19,322	Ohio	88

The jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in the following order:

Grand Lodge.	Subordinate Lodge.		Location.	Membership.
	Name.	No.		
Minnesota	Minneapolis	19	Minneapolis	796
Connecticut	Hiram	1	New Haven	776
New York	Genesee Falls	507	Rochester	746
Illinois	Covenant	526	Chicago	692
Michigan	Zion	1	Detroit	635
Kentucky	Preston	281	Louisville	586
Washington, D.C.	La Fayette	19	Washington, D.C.	559
Ohio	Magnolia	20	Columbus	550
Massachusetts	Roswell Lee		Springfield	534
Colorado	Denver	5	Denver	534
Pennsylvania	Washington	59	Philadelphia	526
Rhode Island	What Cheer	21	Providence	523
California	California	1	San Francisco	502

Lodges, 748; members, 101,548; increase, 3,368.
Charles W. Mead (Albany), G.M.
Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G.S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Auckland, April 26, 1900.
Richard J. Seddon, G.M.

A long discussion took place on the question of changing the title of the Grand Superintendents. District Deputy Grand Master was proposed, and also District Grand Master, but Provincial Grand Master was finally carried.

Another discussion took place on the adoption of a uniform ritual. The following extracts will be found interesting:

Rt. Wor. Bro. Griffiths moved "That the Grand Superintendents be a Special Committee to formulate a ritual on the following basis: English emulation working with the alternative of the Scotch third degree, as laid down by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the Board of General Purposes allocate the necessary expenses for the committee to meet and carry out this resolution, and that the committee report to the Board of General Purposes within six months." He said he had spent considerable time in considering this question and had discussed it with several distinguished brethren. It may not possibly have come home to every member of Grand Lodge that the New Zealand Constitution had been in the unfortunate position for ten years of having no ritual at all. Every Grand Lodge in the world had a ritual (voices "No.") Very well, they would agree to differ on the point. The Grand Lodge of England had a ritual (voices "No.") If they applied, as he knew distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had applied, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and asked where that ritual could be found, how it could be obtained, and what it is, they would no doubt receive the same reply, that the ritual was taught orally at the Lodge of Emulation. That was a fact, and he therefore said with perfect confidence that the Grand Lodge of England had a ritual. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had a ritual, and if they referred to the Scotch Book of Constitution they would there find that they were directed to apply to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for it. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had a ritual, and also had what was termed a Grand Lodge of Instruction, where that ritual was orally taught, and in each district there were two Grand Instructors, whose duty it was to proceed from Lodge to Lodge and from place to place to see that uniformity was observed in carrying out that ritual. Being without a ritual the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was in the unfortunate position of being absolutely and utterly unable to settle any dispute on ritual questions. He thought that in order to get over what no doubt was a great

difficulty in connection with the so-called English and the so-called Scotch rituals, it would be wise to give Lodges the option of performing Scotch or English as they thought fit. With that one exception he held they ought to have their ritual uniform. The reason why the Grand Superintendents had not brought forward a ritual was that they thought Grand Lodge itself should define certain lines upon which they should work. It seemed to them that it would be almost useless to begin work with the risk of having their time and labor wasted by the Board of General Purposes saying the ritual submitted did not suit. If the Grand Lodge gave them a basis on which to frame a ritual the work would be greatly simplified.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Witherilt, Grand Superintendent of Otago, seconded.

Wor. Bro. Baldwin said it was well known that Emulation work was anything but a perfect ritual. He thought it a pity to narrow the committee down to that, they should have some little choice left to them. Those who had studied the book knew it was full of anachronisms, that there were a great many absurdities in it, and a great many totally wrong scriptural quotations. * * *

Wor. Bro. Barton moved "That the committee have a free hand." He expressed the opinion that twenty years hence people would be just as strongly attached to some particular ritual as they are to-day, and matters would be aggravated by the adoption of the two-headed ritual suggested in the motion. He hoped the committee would not be carried away by the idea that the ritual should be modernized. To his mind the real beauty of the ritual was in the archaic survival of ancient forms of expression. He would as soon see the Bible edited or the expressions of his time deleted from Shakespeare as see Masonic ritual purged of old-fashioned expressions.

Wor. Bro. Sargeant seconded the amendment "That the committee have a free hand," which was put and carried. A portion of Bro. Griffith's motion was then deleted and the motion was put and adopted in the following form: "That the Grand Superintendents be a committee to form a ritual, and that the Board allocate the necessary expenses for the committee to meet and carry out this resolution and that the committee report to the Board of General Purposes within six months."

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

At the age of 76, and after ten years faithful service, Bro. William Ronaldson, the Grand Secretary, resigned his position. He is spoken of in the highest terms of respect and esteem, and he was granted a pension for life at the rate of half his salary.

Half-yearly Communication, Nelson, Oct. 31, 1900.

The incorporation of the Grand Lodge by a special Act of Parliament has been under consideration for some time. The following advice from the Grand Registrar was followed, and no further steps in that direction are to be taken:

I fail to see any great advantage in incorporating Grand Lodge. The chief aim in incorporation would be to make the Grand Lodge a corporate body, having a perpetual succession. No necessity, as far as I can gather, exists for such a step. The funds of the Grand Lodge are at present invested in deposits in the various banks at interest ,and I venture to express the opinion that this mode of investment should not be departed from. It is only when Grand Lodge desires to deal in the acquisition of real estate and the lending of moneys on mortgage that the advantage of incorporation will be appreciably felt. Even then it is questionable whether the appointment of permanent trustees of the various funds would not be as effective. The cost of re-appointment of trustees from time to time would be very small and hardly worthy of consideration. Whilst the mode of investment continues as at present it would be very easy to obviate the incurring of any expense in the change of trustees by making deposits in general terms, such as "The Grand Master for the time being," "The Grand Treasurer for the time being," "The Grand Secretary for the time being," and so on. Even on incorporation it would be necessary to have some procedure laid down for the purpose of evidencing the appointment of the individuals using the seal, and this would entail some expense.

It has been pointed out that various religious bodies have found incorporation beneficial. In this connection I would state that, in my opinion, there is very little analogy between such bodies and our Constitution. The funds of the bodies are for the most part applied to the acquisition of land for churches, parsonages, etc., etc., and the administration of endowments of real estate by lease, sale or otherwise; and no doubt incorporation in these cases would prove beneficial. Another aspect of the question, so far as these bodies are concerned, is that it was found that numbers of the individual trustees from time to time changed their faith, and with the change came apathy in the administration of their trusts.

It would be of very rare occurrence for such a contingency to arise in the Craft, and the difficulty need not, I think, be given serious consideration.

As to Craft Lodges, I cannot see what they would gain by incorporation. Their properties can be administered by trustees in as effectual a manner as by incorporation.

The advantages claimed for incorporation are chiefly:

(a) The creation of Grand Lodge into a corporate body, having perpetual succession, and also having the power of suing and being sued.

(b) Facility of administration.

As to the first point, I think from the very nature of our Constitution it is not desired to have the power of suing, nor do I think that such power would be exercised. As to the power of "being sued," I am of opinion it would be most inadvisable that any persons should have facilities placed in their way of suing the Grand Lodge.

As to the second point, I do not agree with the contention that administration would be facilitated by incorporation.

As a result of my consideration I am decidedly of opinion, and beg to report that it is inadvisable for the Incorporation of Grand Lodge to be proceeded with.

In order to avoid the possibility of frivolous amendments to the Constitution or inexpedient proposals being submitted, it was decided that the Board of General Purposes should approve of all suggested amendments being placed on the agenda paper before the Grand Secretary sends out the notices.

Quite a number of Warrants, duly cancelled, were received from the Grand Lodge of England, to be presented to the respective lodges by which they were originally held, to be preserved as mementos of their former connection.

An earnest protest was made against the declaration of the Grand Secretary of Scotland that the Scotch District Grand Lodge had the right to institute new lodges in New Zealand.

We take the following from the report of the Committee on Uniform Ritual

It may be mentioned that the following rituals have been constituted works of reference: "Emulation," "Thompson's," "Wilkie's," "N. S. W.," "Victoria," the "Revised Work," and the "Blue Text Book."

The following briefly comprehend the alterations made:

OPENING AND CLOSING.

Taking the above as a basis, the lauguage has, in some cases, been slightly amended so as to more nearly resemble "Emulation" working, at the same time rendering it necessary for the Secrets to be communicated to the Deacons, unless those present are duly vouched for by the Junior Warden.

The answers as to duties to be given by the Officers themselves.

INITIATION.

This more nearly follows the N. Z. Ritual (Wilkie's), the principal alterations being:

1. The O. B. Penalty, to which has been prefixed the words

"I would rather;" following the example laid down in the examination questions.

2. The introduction of an explanation of the reasons for "Preparation," as adopted by the G.L. of N.S.W.

3. The W.T. which follow the description given by "Oliver" in his "Landmarks of Freemasonry," and closely resemble the second illustration in Wilkie's book.

PASSING.

In this Decree the same principle has been closely followed, excepting the O.B. penalty, which has been amended similarly to that in the First Degree; and the W.T., which are given as an alternative, either as per "Emulation" working, or according to "Lewis" Revised Ritual, where the W.M. and Wardens each take part in explanation.

RAISING.

Two separate forms are presented, it being optional for Lodges to adopt either. The one as nearly as possible resembling "Emulation" working, with the O.B. amended as before; the other being the form known as "Scotch" Working, dramatically illustrative of the chief incidents.

In order that the latter may be elaborated in detail so as to give the greatest satisfaction and pleasure to former Scotch Lodges, the labor of preparing this has been relegated to the Grand Secretary, who will consult the most learned of our Scotch Ritualists who practice and advocate this mode.

TRACING B. LECTURES.

The first is taken from the "Emulation" working with the introductory part amended: the second from the "Revised Ritual;" the third being omitted, the Committee being in accord with the opinion regarding it expressed by the author of "Revised Ritual."

CHARGES.

The Charges are those generally in use, and often found incorporated in the English Book of Constitution.

SECRETS.

A uniform method, which is the one most generally in use, is recommended for general adoption.

INSTALLATION.

Your Committee has not had time to deal with the Installation Degree, but strongly recommends that the form of "Opening and Closing" generally in use be adopted, and following the principle of the other degrees that such should be insisted upon by Grand Lodge.

ETIQUETTE.

In accordance with the excellent example given in M. W. Brother H. Thomson's Ritual, the Committee has added a

chapter upon the etiquette to be adopted in connection with certain Ceremonials, and a variety of other points upon which a difference in practice is often found.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee recommends:

1. That during the recess, complete copies of the proposed Ritual be type-written or printed, and issued to the Superintendents of Districts, and the principal Grand Officers, including Grand Deacons, with a request that every opportunity be taken to exemplify the work and explain the various alterations proposed to Lodges.

2. That a small Committee consisting of two Members of this Committee be appointed to thoroughly revise the work.

3. That at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge in Christ Church in April next, the question of the final adoption of the Ritual be submitted and a vote taken.

4. That in the event of the adoption of the Ritual its use shall be made imperative on all new Lodges. Existing Lodges shall be required to accept and work it within three years from the date of its adoption by Grand Lodge, but a circular be addressed to all Lodges urging the acceptance and working of the ritual as early as possible.

5. That the work be printed and published under the authority and solely for Grand Lodge, and that all copies be issued and registered to private Lodges—who shall be held responsible for the payment.

The Committee has pleasure in stating that the whole of the proposed alterations were unanimously affirmed by the Committee.

A very large number of amendments to the Constitution were passed upon, and this closed a most important meeting.

Lodges, 114; members, 5,196; increase, 290.

Alexander S. Russell (Auckland), G.M.

Malcolm Niccol (Auckland), G.S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

114th Communication, Raleigh, January 8, 1901.

B. S. Royster, G.M.

With but few exceptions, earnest and hearty co-operation has been the watchword among the lodges. The reports from the Grand Lecturer and letters from prominent brethren in many sections of the State lead the Grand Master to conclude that the year has been a prosperous one in many ways. Six new lodges were opened. On the Oxford Orphan Asylum, he says:

It is a source of genuine pleasure to me as a Mason, and as a citizen of Oxford, that the State's first and greatest

charity has passed the experimental stage and is now one of the most potent factors for good in all the country. The boys and girls of to-day will be the men and women of to-morrow. How important then is it for us to see to the proper training of our future citizenship. The money expended in caring for orphan boys and girls yields handsome dividends. It is far cheaper to make good citizens than to provide punishment for law-breakers and criminals. This is the sordid and worldly view of this great work. There is a higher and holier plane from which we should survey the forces and influences that bring about the erection and maintenance of orphan homes. Who can estimate the value of a single life which has been enabled to rise above the miasma of sin, to look beyond the lowering clouds of despair and see the pure sunlight of God's love and mercy? Are there not priceless joys for such an one in the present and an influence for the future which can not be reckoned?

During its existence, which covers a period of something more than a quarter of a century, the Oxford Orphan Asylum has sent forth into every portion of our dear old Commonwealth boys and girls whose lives have been blessings to all classes. It has behind it a glorious past; under the benediction of God it is actively engaged in a splendid and useful present, and before it lies a future full of hope and magnificent possibilities. This Asylum is the earnest of our faith in the teachings and principles of our Order. It has stood the test of years because of its useful career. It deserves and should receive our love, prayers and support. "We have never done as holy a work as when we have taken the fatherless and motherless little one by the hand and led it through the temptations and the pitfalls of the world to a noble manhood and womanhood."

The Centennial of old Hiram Lodge, No. 40, of Raleigh, was celebrated with an enjoyable program.

There are 212 children in the Asylum, and the per capita cost of maintenance for the year was $52.96. Seventy-six children spent the months of July and August with relatives or friends. The Asylum is out of debt and is efficiently managed.

The requests of the Grand Lodge of Cuba-Havana, and the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica were deferred for further information, before their recognition could be granted.

Bro. John A Collins reviews the Proceedings of 56 Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1900, in a very able manner.

Lodges, 320; members, 11,637; increase, 277.

B. S. Royster (Oxford), G.M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G.S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

11th Communication, Fargo, June 19, 1900.

John A. Percival, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief and businesslike statement of his work during the year. We extract the following paragraphs:

During the year peace and prosperity have spread their balmy wings about us. Our fair State, no longer content with its splendid climate and its beautiful prairies, has thrown off her swaddling clothes of infancy and by the onward and upward hand of progress is showing remarkable development. Only a few years back the red man reigned supreme amid the primeval surroundings of his tepee where now beautiful hamlets, growing towns, flourishing schools, churches and Masonic Lodges are springing up; and to-day the citizens of North Dakota are prosperous, contented and happy. * * *

The past year has been one of general prosperity to the Craft within this jurisdiction, and a great interest is manifest among the brethren. The officers of the several Lodges are zealous and earnest in their work, and the brethren are enthusiastic, and show great interest in the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order.

I have granted seven dispensations for new Lodges during the year. Petitions for their formation were presented, signed by more than the requisite number of Masons, and recommended by the nearest Lodge as required. Their several reports have been made and are before you for consideration.

The Master of the Military Lodge in the Phillippine Islands made an extensive report on the work of that lodge during the one year that the First North Dakota Regiment served in the war there. We note the following:

Meetings were held every Wednesday and Sunday evenings and were always largely attended. I never have had, or can I ever again expect to have, the pleasure of presiding over such enthusiastic Masonic meetings as those held in Manila. Nearly every organization in the Eighth Army Corps was represented, and men from the Navy were in frequent attendance.

Our Visitors' Register is a Masonic relic and contains the names of brethren from all parts of our own country, from Australia, Hong Kong, Yokohama, and other Oriental Lodges; Englishmen, Germans, Swiss and Spaniards, all found fraternal welcome at our Lodge Room.

Chaplain Pierce, of the 14th U. S. Infantry, of whom frequent mention is made in the Press, was a regular attendant. He urged the establishment of a Protestant cemetery at Manila, a most worthy object, and the Lodge contributed

$100 in gold toward a fund to purchase the necessary tract of land.

On Christmas day, at the invitation of Major Frank M. Foote, of the First Wyoming, Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, all Knights Templar in Manila were requested to assemble at high twelve at the Grand Luneta Hotel to participate in the customary Christmas Observance. About 25 Sir Knights were present, nine of whom were from our regiment. Among those in attendance was the venerable Col. Smith, of the First Tennessee, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, who died on the firing line on the 4th of February. Sir Knight Colonel Victor Duboce, of San Francisco, acted as Toast Master. A cablegram was sent to Grand Master Reuben H. Lloyd, of California. The meeting was a very enjoyable one, but owing to the strained condition about Manila and the hostile attitude of the Filipinos, who practically besieged the city, it was not advisable for officers to absent themselves from their commands for any length of time, and after an hour of social goodfellowship we dispersed.

We obtained much valuable and authentic information regarding Spanish Masonry and the Katapunan Society in the Filippines from a Spanish brother who addressed the Lodge on this subject at one of its meetings. Brother Juan Utro Fernandez is an enthusiastic Mason and exhibited his credentials, from which it appears that at the meeting of the Grand Council of Scottish Rite Masons held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1894, he was made the representative of that body for Spain, a distinction of which he is very proud. From him we learned that a Masonic Lodge flourished in Manila for a number of years, but the antagonism of the church was too great, men known to be members met with all manner of persecution. Banishment to other islands was a common penalty, families were scattered to all parts of the Spanish possessions, the father isolated in the interior or to some far off island.

A brother in Manila handed me a Spanish document, being a decree from the Archbishop of Manila addressed to the governors of several of the provinces, containing the names of men suspected of being Masons, and ordering that they be apprehended. Appended to the document are the reports of the several governors and other officials. I was requested to submit the document to the Grand Lodge of our State that it might be translated. The Lodge in Manila continued to meet in secret for some time after the persecution began, but its adversaries were powerful and numerous and it was finally obliged to succumb.

Many prominent Filipinos of the educated class had become members of the Order, and after the turbulent times began in the islands revolutionary societies were organized, and many of them became leaders of the people in their revolt against Spanish rule. It is said that Aguinaldo and a number of his prominent officers and advisers were members

of the Spanish Lodge in Manila. Katapunan societies were organized among the natives, making use of many of our emblems and other means of recognition. The object of the society was to limit the autocratic power of the church, and as church and state were practically one they were looked upon as revolutionary in character and its members the vilest of criminals. Many of the natives, learning of the organization of our Lodge in Manila, approached our brethren with grips and signs claiming to be of the Craft. I cautioned the brethren to avoid indiscretion; for it was found on careful inquiry that these natives were members of the Katapuna societies. On one occasion a brother from the California regiment came to headquarters with a man whom he introduced as a brother and who was very anxious to visit the Lodge. I took the man inside and examined him, finding him in possession of many of our secrets. He was a well informed member of the Katapuna society and cherished what little Masonic light he had obtained. There is a great field open for Masonry in the Filippines, and I hope that a permanent Lodge may soon be established in Manila. Our Lodge was overwhelmed with petitions for degrees, and after having received 100 applications it became necessary to refuse others, not knowing how long we would remain in the islands. We had work at nearly every meeting, but I regret exceedingly that we were prevented from conferring the M. M. degree. We were preparing to confer our first third degree when the insurrection broke out on the evening of the 4th of February, 1899, after which the regiment was constantly in the field taking part in three famous expeditions of General Lawton into the interior of Luzon. We did not return to Manila till the 7th of July, and from that time till we embarked for our homeward journey were kept busy with reports and accounting for military stores and property to the various departments, and it was impossible to do further work in the Lodge.

One meeting held in February will long remain in the memory of those who were present. A request had been received from Crescent Lodge, No. 11, at Grafton, N.D., to confer the degrees on W. A. Mickle, then Q. M. Sergeant of the regiment. We were stationed on the south line in General Ovenshine's Brigade, with regimental headquarters at Culi Culi Church. The meeting was called for the evening of February 22nd, at regimental headquarters.

Late that afternoon orders came from General Overshine to take extra precautions, as an attack by the insurgents was expected along our front that night and an attempt made to break through our lines. The Lodge was opened at 8 p.m., the officers wearing their side arms prepared for an emergency, as suspicious movements along the insurgent lines in our front were reported by the outposts about sundown. The work was under way and I was in the midst of the obligation when suddenly a crashing volley came from the insurgent lines, several of the bullets went through the roof of the

church, which stood a short distance back of our trenches. I stopped short, and we could plainly hear the bullets as they whistled past. The firing was brisk for a few minutes, when it became more scattering and soon died out altogether. We finished up the work in short order, expecting a general attack at almost any moment. The incident will long be remembered, and it is, perhaps, the first instance on record that a candidate was initiated under fire. This was the only opportunity we had for holding a meeting while in the field. It was hoped that we might have an opportunity of finishing up the work on a few of the candidates after our return to Manila from our final expedition to Morong, as many of the candidates from other regiments were anxious to receive the M. M. degree before returning to the United States, but so many of our officers were sick, while others were busy accounting for and turning over government property, that it was found impossible to do any further work.

The E. A. Degree was conferred on 91 candidates and the F. C. on 62. Affiliations, 23; and four requests were received from other lodges to confer degrees. The lodge was disbanded, and the following report was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

That the adoption of this report be a direction to the Grand Secretary to notify each member of the "Military Lodge" that he is entitled to receive, upon application to the Grand Secretary therefor, a certificate of his former membership in the "Military Lodge," and, where he has since affiliated with no other Lodge, of his present membership in the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the jurisdiction of North Dakota.

The Grand Lodge repealed the resolution of 1898, which required all lodges to present to all M.M. at their raising a copy of Albert Pike's Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 62; members, 3,492; increase, 323.

Edwin H. James (St. Thomas), G.M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G.S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

35th Communication, Halifax, June 13, 1900.

Thomas B. Flint, M.P., G.M.

Prosperity prevails. Their financial condition has improved. Another $1,000 has been paid on their debt. A substantial gain in membership attests to much faithful work done, and to the gratifying fact that our Craft has retained its attractions for intelligent and high-

minded men. Of the report on Correspondence, the Grand Master says:

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will be laid before you and later published in the volume of Proceedings.

This report, I need scarcely say, has been the result of much careful labor, and will be found most valuable and interesting. No Mason in this jurisdiction who desires to keep himself informed upon the progress and development of Freemasonry can afford to neglect a study of this report.

It affords what might be termed, "a bird's eye view" of the various Grand Lodges, their proceedings, and the movements taking place in the Masonic world. It furnishes vivid portraits of the distinguished brethren who, from time to time, are called upon, in responsible offices, to guide the destinies of the Craft. It directs attention to the mines of intellectual and moral wealth stored in the volumes yearly given to the world by the various Masonic Grand Bodies. It embalms the names and life's story of the beloved and lost brother Masons whose efforts for the benefit of Masonry and their fellowmen have made the memory of their virtues holy and imperishable possessions of their surviving brethren.

A study of the report of Proceedings for the past year will show that Masonry stands firm upon the foundation of truth, justice, and brotherly love, and that as long as Masons are faithful to their professions and the principles of the Craft, it cannot perish from the earth, but must go forward with ever-increasing power and influence.

During the absence of the Grand Master while attending his Parliamentary duties at Ottawa, the Deputy Grand Master visited a number of the lodges.

On the proposed consolidation of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, the following report was received:

That very little progress has been made in this important matter. The fact that two committees from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia were in existence on this, or a somewhat similar object was found to be awkward and tended to detract from the question this Committee was appointed to deal with. The other committee alluded to had under consideration the larger union of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and it would appear that the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island was appointed to consider the union pertaining to the three provinces and did not feel like meeting officially with us. Your Committee have therefore nothing tangible to report.

For once in very many years returns have been received from every lodge in the jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is by Bros. T. B. Flint

and Thomas Mowbray, and reviews our Proceedings of 1899. In his notice of Quebec, Bro. Flint has the following on the question of Past Grand Masters accepting inferior rank in other Grand Lodges:

Bro. Chambers' comments upon the acceptance of inferior honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of England by Past Grand Masters of other Grand Lodges meets with an approval. The Grand Lodge of England, though an ancient and very illustrious Grand Body, is, Masonically speaking, not superior to any other Grand Lodge, and it appears to us, as it did to Bro. Chambers, that for a Grand Master of a Sovereign Grand Lodge to accept honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of England as Past Junior Grand Warden, is a lowering of the dignity of the Grand Lodge of which he is Grand Master, and a mutual admission of the inferiority of his own Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 61; members, 3,512; increase, 106.
T. A. Cossmann (Halifax), G.M.
Hon. William Ross (Halifax), G.S.

OHIO.

91st Communication, Springfield, Oct. 24, 1900.
E. L. Lybarger, G.M.
His eloquent address opens as follows:

Everywhere, where civilization has penetrated, our Lodges are to be found. Freemasonry was never numerically so strong as to-day. Its Lodges are scattered over every part of the civilized world, and its beneficence has been distinctly felt by distressed widows and orphans in every land, while it includes among its patrons some of the wisest, the purest, and noblest of men. Its lights have been burning and shining with luster and increasing brilliancy for centuries, and their beams have been reflected and beheld in the remotest parts of the earth. They have shone with the greatest luster upon the battle-field, in the hospital, in the chamber of the sick and dying, and in the homes of the poor and lowly, as well as in the palaces of the rich and opulent. They have been a "lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path" of many a weary and lonely traveler over life's rugged road—and have lifted despondency from the mind, and made glad the heart, of many a stranger in foreign lands. In short, the legitimate and beneficent character of our system now stands established on the basis of experimental proof long continued and annually extending.

It is a happy consideration, too, "that the day of theoretical argument has passed away, and the necessity of formal and labored vindication has ceased to be felt."

Freemasonry needs no defense; it makes no apology; it lives and prospers upon the favorable opinion entertained of it by those who enter its portals of their own free will and

accord for mutual benefit and social enjoyment, and its "mystic chain binds together people of all nations in one common Brotherhood."

The generous donation to the Grand Lodge by Bro. S. Stacker Williams of his valuable Masonic Library is thus described in the report of the committee in charge:

Shortly after the close of the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, your Committee was requested by M. W. Bro. Williams to meet him at his home in Newark, and formally take charge of the library which he had so generously donated to the Grand Lodge. We called upon him in answer to his request, and found that he had already catalogued his collection, and that there was little for the Committee to do except to take legal possession of the same. We found in this library about forty-three hundred volumes, pamphlets, letters, etc., consisting, in part, of about fifteen hundred and fifty volumes of Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies, Supreme Councils, Consistories, and Councils of Deliberation, Constitutions of nearly every Jurisdiction in the world, commencing with Anderson's original of 1723, and the Dublin Constitution of 1730. There are American and foreign histories, encyclopedias, and lexicons; also Proceedings of foreign, English, and non-English speaking Grand Bodies. In monitors the library is very rich, and contains a copy of all the different editions of Thomas Smith Webb; also of Cross, Dove, Gray, Hardie, Hutchinson, Mackey, Macoy, Matthews, Moore, Sickels, and a number of others. There are volumes of music and poetry, anti-Masonic works, the Carson reprints, bibliography, biography, addresses and sermons, Ahiman Rezons, works on Masonic jurisprudence, by-laws, controversial pamphlets, magazines, and a great many other miscellaneous Masonic books, pamphlets, letters, addresses, etc. Of the above there are about eleven hundred volumes bound.

The Ohio Masonic Home is well and economically managed and the inmates contented and happy. There are 138 inmates, and the cost of maintenance for the past year was about $18,000. The Grand Lodge donated $2,000 to the General Fund of the Home and $5,000 to the Endowment Fund.

The introductory remarks of Bro. W. M. Cunningham on the subjects of the E. A. Degree, and Honorary Rank are well worthy of attention:

At different times throughout his Reports on Foreign Correspondence the writer has directed the attention of the Craft to the unjust and unwarranted emasculation of the Entered Apprentice degree in the United States through the action of the Baltimore Convention over half a century since. Previous to that time all business, balloting for candidates, public cere-

monials, etc.—except that pertaining strictly to the other degrees—was done in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. When that grade was received, the Initiate was a Mason, and as well as in the name, all the rights of membership, and with thereby the opportunity and duty of saying, by his ballot, who should be made his Brother and become one with him in the Masonic Family.

The degree is in itself the most perfect and unchanged of any grade in Ancient Craft Masonry. The beauties and lessons to be learned or developed through its symbolisms are illimitable: it is the foundation of Freemasonry, and as its superstructure the manifest injustice of neutralizing the grade by depriving it of its inherent rights, powers, and prerogatives, without its own consent, must be self-apparent.

The influence of members and admirers of a Modern Organization, then becoming very popular, was doubtless the first cause of the perpetration of this great wrong and innovation, as the result of their efforts to have the business affairs of Freemasonry to correspond in management with a Modern Organization in accordance with their own progressive ideas.

To accomplish fully this displacement required a number of years in the Lodges of the United States. In England, however, and in other Grand Jurisdictions, the change was not made.

Those who are cognizant of the circumstances attending or causing the action of the Baltimore Convention are becoming very few; hence the duty of directing attention to this important subject, and urging the rehabilitation of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the restoration of its inherent rights, privileges, and prerogatives.

HONORARY RANK.

A new feature in American Grand Bodies is the late introduction of honorary titles, an absurd "fad," out of place and out of character in the Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the United States, in which every Grand Office is open to fair competition upon the part of every member.

In a Grand Lodge like that of England, in which the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer are the only elective officers—other than their several Boards—and in which also the Grand Master (if of the Royal Family) is expected to serve during his natural life, and who appoints all of the other officers of Grand Lodge, a very different state of affairs obtains. In the Grand Lodge of England a "commoner" can not expect to receive any higher distinction than that of a Grand Deacon, and, as stated by an eminent brother, "are blocked beyond save some special offices like Grand Secretary," etc. The Eminent V. W. Bros. William James Hughan and Robert Freke Gould have been honored only with the rank of Past Grand Deacon: but, as stated in that connection by V. W. Bro. Hughan, "We are an old country, and our plans answer here."

The honor of having the title of a Grand Officer in that Grand Lodge is held in such high estimation that each Grand Officer, according to rank, is expected to pay a "fee of honor" therefor. The fees paid go into some one of the benevolent funds of the Grand Lodge. In this connection, in the Report of your Committee last year, under the head of England, it is stated that the "Fund of Benevolence" acknowledged the receipt of £10 10s., the honor fee of a Provincial Grand Master, with an additional fee for the same of £3 3s., acknowledged in the "Fund for General Purposes." An honor fee of £5 5s. is paid by Grand Deacons, a Deputy Grand Sword-bearer, and an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, whilst a Deputy Grand Registrar paid £10 10s. for the honor of his appointment.

In Grand Jurisdictions with such customs prevailing therein, honorary rank is doubtless a very desirable feature; but its adoption in the Grand Bodies of the United States is but a fulsome imitation of foreign customs, and with the modern innovation of annual rotation in office, and a one-year term only for Grand Masters, introduced within the past few years, will, sooner or later, detract from the official dignity of the office, and belittle the honors justly pertaining to official Masonic rank.

As in the emasculation of the Degree of Entered Apprentice, the influence of Modern Organizations is a potent factor in the introduction of honorary rank, one-third official terms, and rotation of office. In some Modern Organizations, not Masonic, "Passing the Chairs" is one of the most important features and pertinent to their different grades; hence their very short official terms are doubtless a necessity with them.

Struck, however, with perhaps their seeming importance, the "degree tinker," who is always finding "something new and pretty" to add to the Ritual, has here found another opportunity for the exercise of his talents, to the detriment of Freemasonry.

Bro. Cunningham gives Canada for 1899 special mention, says that Grand Master Malone's address is a thoughtful Masonic paper, makes numerous extracts from the reports of our District Deputies, and wishes he had room for more.

In the conclusion of his report he says that two of the foreign Grand Bodies hitherto recognized by the Grand Lodge are said to have exchanged Representatives with the Grand Orient of France, and should such prove true, he will recommend the reconsideration of their recognition.

Lodges, 503; members, 46,348; increase, 2,147.

Frank S. Harmon (Akron), G.M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G.S.

OKLAHOMA.

9th Communication, Kingfisher, February 12, 1901.
W. M. Anderson, G.M.

The Grand Master condemns the practice of rotation in office, does not recognize the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, visited a number of lodges and reports peace, harmony and prosperity. Nine new lodges were formed.

The first report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund shows $1,020.55 collected in one year, which is very creditable, considering their small membership.

The Grand Representative system was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is opposed to the prevailing custom adopted by the Subordinate Lodges where the annual communications of the Grand Lodge are held, of banqueting the members thereof, and trust that in the future this custom will be discontinued.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and reviews the Proceedings of Canada for 1900, with thanks for the presentation of Robertson's History.

Lodges, 60; members, 2,512; increase, 378.
Charles Day (Blackwell), G.M.
James S. Hunt (Stillwater), G.S.

OREGON.

50th Communication, Portland, June 13, 1900.
J. M. Hudson, G.M.

He reports two new lodges. He visited more than one-half of the lodges and found prosperity everywhere existing. On making the meetings interesting, he says:

In several of the Lodges I witnessed the conferring of degrees, and with but two or three exceptions the work was well done. My labors have been chiefly directed to securing higher ideals of Masonry, to arousing more interest in Masonic history and philosophy, the origin and teachings of Masonic symbolisms. In all my visits and labors I have had the cordial co-operation of the brethren. Several of the Lodges have adopted the system of having some well-qualified brother to address the Lodge on some Masonic subject when there were meetings at which there was no ritualistic service or conferring of degrees. I fully endorse this practice, as the tendency is to increase both the interest and attendance.

The business transacted was entirely local.

The death is announced of Bro. Robert Clow, P.G.M., and Chairman of Correspondence. His eminent services had won for him a place in the hearts of his brethren and a prestige attained by few.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, assisted by the Grand Master. Canada for 1899 has due attention. In the review of Florida, we find:

We entertain the utmost contempt for the "solicitor," the "organizer," the proclaimer of the great "benefits," "wonderful fraternal results," of the advocate of the modern cheap orders, nine out of ten of which are regular fake games, to part the fool and his money; and we hope that every true Mason, be he orator, writer, or the plain brother, will continue to impress his surroundings by his good conduct, select standing, and not by his earnestness in inviting the profane to explore the mystic temple.

Lodges, 100; members, 5,344; increase, 263.
Henry B. Thielsen (Salem), G.M.
James F. Robinson (Eugene), G.S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1900.
George E. Wagner, G.M.

We take the following from the address of the Grand Master:

In the early part of this year we received copies of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held June 14, 1899, which appear to call for comment, not that we wish to interfere with anything that that distinguished body desires to do or say, but because silence on our part might be construed as acquiescence in the most extraordinary spectacle that it was ever the lot of any Grand Lodge to witness, and also because such silence might be thought to mean that we did not feel aggrieved at the intemperate and heated language used against us and ours.

At the meeting referred to "the Recording Grand Secretary" arose to call attention "to the revival of the absurd pretentions of certain brethren of Pennsylvania that the Masonry of this country had its birth in Philadelphia, or as they proudly express it, that Philadelphia was the 'Mother City' of Freemasonry in America."

If our Right Worshipful Brother had discussed the question in a rational, fraternal spirit, I would have no comment to offer, but unhappily he used the most violent, extraordinary, and unfraternal language, applying it without discrimination to this Grand Lodge, to our beloved Brother, the late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Clifford P. MaCalla, to our

good Brother Julius F. Sachse, and to the late Brother Jacob Norton, of the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

Whatever may be the views of our Massachusetts brethren as to the "Mother City," there is no call to abuse the living or the dead, particularly the dead; it may be safe so far as the latter are concerned, but it is particularly unseemly, especially so when a Mason speaks of a dead one, one who held the love and esteem of our Jurisdiction and was honored with the highest gift in its keeping, the Grand Mastership.

That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should tolerate such a spectacle, listen to such a tirade, and then send it broadcast as an official document, seems beyond comprehension.

I do not intend to discuss the question of the "Mother City;" the established facts are plain. There were Lodges in Pennsylvania in 1730; the ledger of a Lodge working in Philadelphia in February, 1731, has been produced: it is known as "Libre B:" preceding that must have been a "Libre A." How many years that was in use before "Libre B" was begun is left to conjecture. The deputation to Brother Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, issued by the Grand Master of England in 1730, appears on the records of that date.

In Massachusetts the first Lodge dates from 1733. This was constituted by Brother Henry Price, who claimed to have a Commission as Provincial Grand Master; doubtless he had such a Commission, but it is nowhere recorded, except by a copy of a copy said to have been made at least twenty years later.

In the face of these facts, what is the use of calling hard names? What difference does it make who discovered them, and how are we to get away from them if we want to?

How can it alter the fact that there were Lodges meeting here in 1730, as published by the Pennsylvania Gazette, whether Franklin, the publisher of that paper, was at that time a Mason or not? It is not to be supposed that he was like Nero, as represented by the current story: Nero's friends are expostulating with him on the destruction he is causing in Rome, when he replies, indignantly, "Don't you see I am compelled to do it, that I am obliged to make material for "Quo Vadis?"

Franklin was the newspaper man of his day: as such he published current happenings. It is impossible to believe that he manufactured the news referred to—what could be his object? He certainly was not making material for the "Mother City" controversy of one hundred and fifty, or more, years later.

Surely our Massachusetts brethren do not intend to assert that our Lodges of 1730 were clandestine, and that Benjamin Franklin and our other worthies of that date were illegitimate Masons, or met with and recognized such?

The Grand Master refused to allow the initiation of a

candidate who had been rejected by a lodge in New York more than a year previously, although the Grand Lodge of New York disclaimed having any jurisdiction over him. The law in Pennsylvania is thus stated:

That there may be no misunderstanding of our law, it is well, perhaps, to lengthen a little more this already long argument. In Pennsylvania there is no such thing as Lodge jurisdiction over intending petitioners. Every man is entitled to apply to any Lodge in this jurisdiction or elsewhere. Should he, however, petition a Lodge not nearest his place of residence, such Lodge must be inquired of, in order to ascertain what is his reputation where he is best known, and to learn his standing and fitness to become a Mason. If no Masonic objection appears on such inquiry, the Lodge petitioned may proceed in the regular way. When a resident of this State petitions a Lodge of another, the same inquiry is made by correspondence through the respective Grand Masters. If the resident of another State petitions one of our Lodges, the same course is followed. The object of these regulations is plain: it is to keep out improper material, to allow none to enter the portals of Freemasonry except men of reputation, integrity, and good standing in their respective communities.

The death is announced of Bro. J. Simpson Africa, who was Grand Master in 1891 and 1892. He was an enthusiastic Craftsman, a man of great ability, faithful and true, always courteous and amiable, and his memory will long be a sweet recollection to those who knew him.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges and found them conducted with skill, their business carried on properly and intelligently, and the work done with zeal, dignity, and efficiency.

One of the decisions is contrary to our practice. "None but 'a son of honest parents' can be made a Mason. This excludes all born out of wedlock."

Two new lodges were formed.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton, was elected an honorary member by unanimous vote. Bro. Patton has been Grand Treasurer for 27 years; he has not in all that time made a single mistake in the performance of his duties, and he lives before the world as a man entirely without reproach. The balance at the credit of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund now amounts to over $56,000.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

Bro. James M. Lamberton has an elaborate and exhaustive report on Correspondence of 355 pages, full of

interesting matter. Canada for 1899 and 1900 receives complimentary attention. In his review of Maine, he says:

We have no desire or intention to falsify history either to gain other laurels or for any other purpose. We reiterate our position: Daniel Coxe was appointed by the Grand Master of England, June 5, 1730, Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; and there were Masonic Lodges at work in Pennsylvania during that year; and we draw the irresistible conclusion that Bro, Coxe warranted those Lodges, and that they were regular in the sense Brother Drummond uses that word.

We are glad that our brother, even if he did not have the fear of Brother Nickerson before his eyes, admits, for "the truth of history," that Philadelphia is "the Mother City of Freemasonry in America."

Altogether too much is sought to be made out of the use of the word "irregular" in connection with early Masonry in America. Ever since the days of Dunstan in England, and still in the Roman Catholic Church, there have been two kinds of clergy, each equally qualified to perform all the rites of their church—the "regular," that is, those living according to a rule, Latin regula, who belong to a monastic community; and the "secular," those who are not bound by monastic rules. It would be very unfair to call the latter "irregular."

The unfairness is seen more clearly when we substitute for "irregular" its synonyms; e.g., abnormal, confused, disorderly, eccentric, fitful, immoderate, uneven, variable, vicious, and wandering.

In the same way, to speak of the Lodge of 1731, even if it was not, as we contend it was, a warranted body, as "irregular," is unfair. Just as it would be unfair to call "irregular" the "four old Lodges" which formed the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, or the Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Munster in 1726, or the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. While before the time mentioned, they were not "sub regula," their Masonry was genuine and pure, and in no proper sense "irregular."

In reply to the assertion that "To Massachusetts belongs the honor of first introducing Freemasonry into America," Bro. Lamberton has the following remarks, among others:

If our brother had consulted the records of the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England at London, he would have found that, on June 5th, 1730, in accordance with an application from Daniel Coxe and "several other brethren, free and accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsilvania," the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of England, granted a dispensation to Daniel Coxe to be "Provincial

Grand Master in the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsilvania, in America."

If he had turned to the Pennsylvania Gazette, No. 108, December 8, 1730, he could have found the following:

"As there are several Lodges of Free Masons erected in this Province, and people have been lately much amused with conjectures concerning them; we think the following account of Freemasonry from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers."

The Pennsylvania Gazette was published in Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, by one whose portrait our brother may look upon at every Communication of his Grand Lodge, Benjamin Franklin, who was not a Mason at this time, but was entered in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia (to which we shall refer in a moment), about February, 1731.

In 1731 Brother Daniel Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, and was officially recognized and honored as a Provincial Grand Master of America. Indeed, in the book of the Grand Lodge of England containing a list of Provincial Grand Masters abroad, the name of Brother Daniel Coxe leads all the rest, while the name of Brother Henry Price is absent altogether.

If our brother had taken the trouble, he could easily have found that there is in existence in Philadelphia the original account book "Libre B," of St. John's Lodge, of that city, from June 24, 1731, to 1738; and the report in 1732 of the Committee on By-laws of the same Lodge in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin, by which it was, as Brother Gould said, "proved to a demonstration, that the earliest Lodge in America was established in Philadelphia."

We do not think it a violent presumption that Brother Coxe chartered St. John's Lodge.

Our brother could also read in the Pennsylvania Gazette for June 26, 1732, that on St. John's Day, June 24, 1732,— "a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Sun Tavern in Water street, when after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province, for the year ensuing; who was pleased to appoint Mr. William Pringle Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin."

As to the standing of these Pennsylvania brethren, Brother Gould, whom we have quoted before, and whose reputation as a Masonic historian and scholar may have reached Boston, says:

"The Fraternity there must be held to have been as much and as legally a Grand Lodge as that of 'All England at York.'"

The Irish Masonic writer, Brother W. J. Chetwoode Crawley, in his "Caementaria Hibernica," Fasciculus Primus, page 3, says:

"The establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1717 was followed, A.D. 1726, by that of the Grand Lodge of Munster, which merged into the Grand Lodge of Ireland, formally established in Dublin, A.D. 1729-30. The next Grand Lodge seems to have been constituted in Pennsylvania in the year 1732, followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was constituted A.D. 1736."

Brother Crawley adds that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, shortly after its inception, gave up its independent existence and worked as a Provincial Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Brother Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, has said, referring to St. John's Lodge:

"The Grand Lodge of England recognized the work of that Lodge as regular, by making Franklin Provincial Grand Master, and authorizing him to form a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masons made in that Lodge."

All the facts above as to Masons in Pennsylvania are verities, and outrank in point of time the deputation said to have been issued in 1733 to Henry Price, for New England, and which, as we have said, is not recorded in the Grand Lodge of England. The conclusion is that there was a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1730, and a Grand Lodge in 1732, which Brother Gould says, as quoted above, was as legally a Grand Lodge as that of All England at York.

Price himself did not question the Masonic standing of Franklin, who was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge about February, 1731; for, if the "records" are to be believed, "about this time" he "further instructed him (Franklin) in the Royal Art," and wrote him an official letter, under date of October 23, 1734 (possibly transmitting draft for the seventy "Constitutions sent to Boston"), in which, by the way, he evidently made no mention of any extension of "his deputation and power."

In Brother Mackey's recent "History of Freemasonry," at page 1396, will be found the following:

"From all we can gather in the various sketches of the formation period in the history of Freemasonry in the colonies it appears to us that the weight of testimony is in favor of the working of Masonry first in Pennsylvania."

It is difficult, therefore, to see how it can be truthfully said that "to Massachusetts belongs the honor of first introducing Freemasonry into America.

Lodges, 434; members, 54,890; increase, 1,444.
George E. Wagner (Philadelphia), G.M.
William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

25th Communication, Charlottetown, June 25, 1900.
John A. Messervy, G.M.
The Grand Master visited a number of lodges. The

harmony seems to be perfect and he was most heartily welcomed in the most befitting manner. He also says:

The Lodges throughout the country are doing splendidly. The average attendance and financial position of the Lodges are good, and the work is done in an excellent manner, taking into consideration the distance the brethren have to come to their Lodges, which gives them very little chance to hold Lodges of Instruction. Some have to drive 8 to 12 miles. I had the pleasure of seeing the first degree given in a number of Lodges throughout the country, and it was given in a very impressive manner, which did credit to their officers.

A drive of eight to ten miles may be considered somewhat of a hardship in Prince Edward Island, but in Manitoba it would seem rather insignificant. The Master of one lodge there has to drive 100 miles to attend his lodge, and he is more punctual than many Masters who have only to cross the street to reach the lodge room.

The committee on the formation of one Grand Lodge for the Maritime Provinces reported no progress. It appears that Nova Scotia appointed two committees, one to treat with New Brunswick and the other with Prince Edward Island, neither to treat with the other two, thereby placing it outside the power of the Prince Edward Island committee to treat with either.

Lodges, 13; members, 535; increase, 9.

Ronald McMillan (Charlottetown), G.M.

Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

110th Communication, May 21, 1900.

Milton Livsey, G.M.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges, and it was his pleasure to bear witness to the dignified and careful manner with which the work was conducted.

On ritualistic matters, the Grand Secretary says:

The good resulting from the frequent visits to the Custodian of the Work during the past year has been very apparent throughout the State. The principal deficiency is a lack of the knowledge of the floor work. This is being rapidly overcome by the frequent visits to the large city Lodges of the officers of the Lodges at remote points, as well as by the regular visits of well-informed brethren from the city.

From what we can learn through inquiries of visitors from other jurisdictions, the excellence of our work is far above the average.

A notable event during the year was the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the venerable Lodge of Saint John's, No. 1, of Newport, which lodge received its first charter December 27, 1749, from R. W. Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Lodges, 37; members, 5,323; increase, 103.

Frederick G. Stiles (Providence), G.M.

Edwin Baker (Providence), G.S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly communication, Edinburgh, May 3, 1900.

James Hozier, G.M.

Among the visitors present was Bro. Robert Baikie, the District Grand Master Depute of the Transvaal, who said that Scottish Freemasonry has advanced considerably in that region, that a great number of new lodges were being started, and there is a move to form a new Grand Lodge of their own, to which he was strenuously opposed. Another visitor was the Master of a lodge in Queensland, who assured the brethren that they were as loyal as ever to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and had no intention of leaving it. In reply to his invitation to visit that Colony, the Grand Master remarked that the invitation was especially welcome, as one of his sisters was the wife of Lord Lamington, the Governor of Queensland.

Charters were granted for new lodges in Townsville, Queensland; Beyrouth, Syria; and Belgaum, India.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted by a vote of 148 to 73 that no elective Grand Officer (the Grand Master and paid officers excepted) should hold the same office longer than one year.

A return was ordered to be prepared showing what lodges charged annual dues and the amount charged, and what lodges had no dnes.

A lodge was suspended for not observing the rule as to the proper interval between degrees.

The Summons for the Quarterly Communication of August 2nd, 1900, contains an intimation that members, before entering the Hall, are required to present their tickets of membership, which are not transferable under pain of forfeiture.

The first business was the unveiling of a bust of the

immediate Past Grand Master, the eighteenth Lord Saltoun, and the 75th Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Prince Leopold, of Prussia, was made an Honorary Member,

On September 20, 1900, the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, resigned his position after 23 years' service in that office. It was a matter of great regret that failing health made this action necessary, and it was unanimously resolved that his full salary should be paid to him for the rest of his life, in recognition of his distinguished and faithful services. From 1856 until now Bro. Lyon has been one of the most familiar figures in Scottish Masonry. He is a Masonic author of high repute, having published numerous historical works, the most celebrated being the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, which includes an account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry, and much valuable information about other Scottish lodges. He has also written about the antiquities of Ayrshire, and is a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. When he became Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge was in debt some $100,000. Thanks to his energy and business aptitude, the debt has been paid off and they now have a surplus of $400,000.

As to his successor, a special committee was appointed to advertise for applicants. The salary is $2,000.

Permission was granted to a lodge in Antofagasta, Chili, to work in the Spanish language.

February 7, 1901. An address was voted to the King.

The special thanks of the Grand Lodge was voted to the Grand Lodge of Canada for the donation of Robertson's History.

Lodges, 636; membership, not given.

Hon. James Hozier, M.P., G.M.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G.S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 18, 1900.

Sir S. J. Way, G.M.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes, we find the following:

The grants made from the Benevolent Fund during the half-year have amounted to £118, distributed amongst 43 applicants. Applicants for relief who require more than casual assistance receive aid from the Permanent Benevolent Fund in

the form of periodical payments. At the present time there are six widows and two brothers on the funds; the monthly payments amount to £8 10s.

The Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall Property propose, subject to the sanction of the Grand Lodge, to grant the sum of £50 out of the surplus revenue to the Board for the purpose of Masonic charity, as a donation for the present year.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia was duly recognized and representatives exchanged.

The Grand Inspector of lodges visited a number of the lodges and found them working well. The lodge of Instruction was better attended than for some years past.

Lodges, 44; members, 2,485; increase, 80.

Sir Samuel J. Way (Adelaide), G.M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G.S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

124th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 11, 1900.

Orlando Sheppard, G.M.

The Grand Master reports two new lodges. The District Deputies submitted very gratifying and encouraging reports.

The use of Masonic emblems for any but Masonic purposes was strongly condemned by the Grand Lodge.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. John R. Bellinger, who came to the assistance of the Grand Secretary during his illness. Canada for 1899 is well taken care of. In the review of Maine, we find the following:

In regard to the admission of Roman Catholics into our Order we do not agree with the views of Grand Master Locke, Bro. Drummond and Bro. Inglesby. The latter says: "We ought not to allow a man to be placed in a position where he will, in the ordinary course of events, prove faithless to his church, or violate his vow." In the first place, we do not believe this statement is based upon sound premises. We can not infer that a man will either violate his vow, or prove unfaithful to his church. Nor do we understand that the Church of Rome requires in her confessional anything from the penitent save that which in his conscience he believes to be sinful, in order that he may be absolved from sin. The church would not be instrumental in causing one of her members to violate a sacred vow; nor would there be any reason for divulging to her priest any Masonic secret. The days for that kind of thing have long since past. We are not of this faith, and speak from hearsay, but we believe we are correct.

If Masonry is universal and is intended for men of every nation, sect and creed, then Roman Catholics are entitled to her benefits, and if they apply and are worthy they should be received. We do not invite them to come; it is of their own accord. We have known good Masons who were Roman Catholics, and who died in good standing, both in the Order and in the church.

Lodges, 183; members, 6,249; increase, 193.
Orlando Sheppard (Edgefield), G.M.
Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

26th Communication, Aberdeen, June 12, 1900.
Wm. H. Roddle ,G.M.

He reports two new lodges, and on the state of the Craft he has the following remarks:

With very few exceptions all Lodges in this Jurisdiction have enjoyed prosperity during the year. More work has been done than in recent years, and the standard of qualification in applicants has been well maintained, while the item of unpaid dues is less than formerly, which fact may to a great extent, I believe, be credited to the wise action and advice of my predecessor, M. W. Brother Levoy.

One most fruitful source of loss in my opinion is the failure to keep dues well paid up. Delinquency breeds lack of interest, non-attendance, a general backsliding, Masonically, on the part of the delinquent, and consequent demission or suspension. Generally speaking, the Lodges whose dues are well kept up, are the thrifty, active, prosperous ones. This leads up to the idea that the Secretary is one of the most, if not the most, important officers in a Lodge. Choose carefully, and when you once have found the right man for the place, keep him there; your success largely depends on him.

A necessary pre-requisite to the success of any Lodge is to be well officered; that is, whose officers are not only well qualified, but who make the Lodge work their business, so to speak; who not only attend regularly, but are punctual, prompt; who by every means in their power avoid and discourage private piques and dissensions, and so far as the Supreme Grand Master has given them ability, to spread the cement which should unite us into one band of brothers among whom but one contention should ever exist.

Thanks were extended to their Grand Representative, M. W. Bro E. T. Malone, for his donation of Robertson's History of Freemasonry in Canada.

The business was entirely local.

Bro. S. A. Brown has an excellent report on Corre-

spondence, in which all matters of interest receive due attention, and his comments show ability and earnestness. Our Proceedings of 1899 are included.

Lodges, 95; members, 4,677; increase, 240.

John A. Cleaver (Huron), G.M.

Geo. A. Pettigrew (Flandreau), G.S.

TASMANIA.

9th Communication, Hobart, February 22, 1900.

C. E. Davies, G.M.

Among the deaths reported is that of their Past Grand Master, Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, at the age of 82.

Congratulations were extended to the Grand Master on the rank attained by him of Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, by appointment of the Prince of Wales.

In the report of the Board of Benevolence, we find the following:

5. The sum of £173 18s. 9d was paid away in the relief of cases of distress during the period under review; £86 4s. of this amount was for regular allowances voted, £70 18s. 9d. for special votes, and £16 16s. was paid for the education of the children of three widows, whose names continue upon the books of the Board. The fixed deposit of £100 previously reported will mature on the 1st May next, and this amount will then be invested on mortgage of the Freemasons' Hall, Murray street, Hobart, together with an amount of £150 already similarly invested. The Trustees of the Tasmania Masonic Benevolent Fund have placed the capital in their hands in the same manner, and these several investments will result in an addition of interest to the funds of the Board. The result of transactions to the 31st January, 1900, shows that there is a sum of £26 2s. 8d. cash to carry forward.

6. Lodge dues have been paid by the whole of the Lodges to June 30th, 1899, and the greater part of the dues owing to the end of the year 1899 have also been paid. The position of this portion of the account is, therefore, most satisfactory.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says:

I regret to have to once more remind Grand Lodge Officers that they would relieve the Secretary of extra and what should be unnecessary work by greater punctuality in remitting fees of office. The delay is often due to mere thoughtlessness, but it throws a most uncongenial task on your Grand Secretary.

It is always gratifying to find one's advice sought, as this conveys the flattering unction that some value is placed upon it. It is, therefore, pleasing to record that the District Grand

Lodge, S.C., of Western Australia, has sought advice with regard to the establishment of a Masonic Benevolent Fund, and the W. M. of a Lodge under the E. C. at Pietermaritzburg (the capital of Natal, South Africa) wrote for guidance in the steps necessary for the formation of a Grand Lodge in that colony. The desired information was promptly forwarded, but the "peace and harmony" so essential to the progress of Masonic Institutions has since been so rudely disturbed by enforced military defence of home and country that I fear the movement for the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Natal has—temporarily, I trust—been postponed.

Thanks to the kindly offices of an affiliated P. M. of a Hobart Lodge, whose motherland lies among the Alpine glaciers, negotiations have been opened for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, but the overture must come from the youngest Grand Lodge—that of Tasmania.

A request was received for permission to admit as a candidate the son of a respected member of a Lodge at the age of 18 years, but the Board considered it inadvisable to interfere with the limit of 20 years laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

It does not seem to be fully understood that in the case of a brother who, for motives of convenience, receives a second or third degree in another Lodge than his mother Lodge, the expense of the brother's certificate must be defrayed by the Lodge in which he entered the Order.

The Pro Grand Master reports that the lodges generally have had a fair year's work, and that the Grand Lodge officers have been actively employed during the year. He also says

I am pleased to say that the applications for assistance from the Benevolent Fund have been less numerous than during previous periods. In the few cases that have come before us due attention has been given, and where we felt we could fairly render temporary assistance, or recommend to the Board the granting of some assistance of a more substantial nature, it has been done.

The annual Masonic Ball was held, and was a successful function.

I am glad to be able to report that the Grand Inspector of Lodges has been able to visit most of the Lodges during the year, and will, I have no doubt, report the result of his visitations. Too much importance cannot be placed upon the value of this official's duties as tending to bring about unanimity of working and a closer relation with Grand Lodge, besides keeping the officers of the various Lodges well up to the mark in their mode of working.

We were all rejoiced to learn of the honor conferred upon our M. W. Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of England, feeling that the well-deserved tribute bestowed upon him re-

flected credit upon the whole of the members of the Tasmania Constitution.

The Grand Inspector of lodges says that a uniform ritual is greatly needed.

On his unanimous re-election, the Grand Master delivered an excellent address, from which we make the following extracts:

Masonic work is slowly but surely progressing in our Jurisdiction, though the most noticeable advance is observable on the West Coast. It is very gratifying to mark the zeal displayed by the members of the Mount Lyell Lodge, which was founded only twelve months ago. On November 9 the foundation stone for a Masonic Hall was laid with all due ceremony at Queenstown, and we all hope that the enterprise and enthusiasm displayed by the members of the Lyell Lodge will be well rewarded, and that Freemasonry will continue to thrive and prosper on the West Coast. We are again looking forward to visit our brethren at Zeehan and Lyell, and as better means of communication, and the removal of the necessity for sea travel draw us together, no doubt more frequent visitations will take place among the brethren. * * *

In connection with these sad records, I might here refer to a subject which I have on a previous occasion touched upon, and that is the public parades of Masons, which I have always strenuously objected to. It is unnecessary, I consider, for Masons to be asked to publicly parade in their regalia to prove the estimation in which a deceased brother might be held by them. We have other ways in our Lodges of testifying this without having recourse to what, to my mind, is a very undesirable and unnecessary exhibition. I quite recognise all the beauty and solemnity of our funeral service, but these may be better exercised in a Lodge of Sorrow amongst the brethren. It is unwise to gratify the inquisitive, whose knowledge of our rites and ceremonies is very vague, and whose curiosity it is injudicious to arouse. Such, brethren, are my own views on this solemn matter, and I shall be sorry indeed to see them departed from. The reading of a Masonic prayer at a deceased brother's grave expressive of our great loss, with the brethren gathered around—without regalia—should fully suffice, tending, as it does, to direct our attention to our own inevitable destiny, and emphasizing the beautiful Ritual of our Third Degree. Ceremonies of this kind would deeply engross our thoughts, and, I hope, influence our actions for good. A suggestion has been made to me that a special meeting be held each year as a memorial day—to enable us to express our regrets at the losses of worthy brethren who have passed away during the year—as is done in the Grand Lodge of Germany. This is well worthy of the consideration of the Board of General Purposes. * * *

A communication just received from the Grand Lodge of England relative to the action of a body styling itself the

"Hiram Lodge of London," under the Grand Orient of France, deserves our most careful attention. The irregular attempt on the part of this Lodge to establish itself in London has necessitated the Grand Lodge of England directing attention to the Grand Orient of France not having any jurisdiction to establish a Lodge of Freemasons in England. We should be grateful to the Mother Grand Lodge for their promptitude in giving us this information, as it is a body not generally recognized by Freemasons, and a brother unwittingly visiting such Lodge would incur the penalty attaching to a grave Masonic offence. It is requisite that publicity should be given to our Lodges of this—as apart from the information, it shows how closely and zealously the Mother Grand Lodge studies the interests of Freemasonry, only recognizing those whose Grand Lodge proceedings are conducted according to the ancient landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is the first and most important.

At the, Half-yearly Communication on August 30 1900, it was decided that the lodges should adhere, as far as practicable, to the "Emulation" ritual. Also, that a candidate who had lost his left hand was eligible for initiation.

Our Proceedings were received.

They have 24 lodges, but the number of members is not given.

Hon. C. E. Davies (Hobart), G.M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G.S.

TENNESSEE.

87th Communication, Nashville, January 30, 1901.

James H. McClister, G.M.

He announces the death of Bro. George H. Morgan, P.G.M., who was Chairman of Correspondence for four years, and prominently connected with the Grand Lodge for over 30 years.

More work has been done by the lodges in the aggregate than for years. The dormant lodges are those that persistently decline the instructions of the Lecturers. The Grand Master says that "the greatest obstacle to the progress of Freemasonry is want of information; want of that knowledge which will enable the officers to confer the degrees in such a manner as to impress all, particularly the candidate, with the beautiful truths symbolized in our ritual."

The Widows' and Orphans' Home is in good shape. There are now 112 inmates. The average cost of mainte-

nance per month is $5.25. The expenses for the year were $6,844.03. The Endowment Fund amounts to nearly $5,000.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

Caution was observed in postponing the decision as to Costa Rica for further information.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following beautiful Memorial on the death of Queen Victoria, which was adopted by a rising vote:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, F. and A. M.:

From over the waters comes to our ears the sound of grief and the sad cry of a nation in tears, mourning the loss of one well beloved, profoundly respected, and dear to the hearts of a great people, our kindred by blood, and to whom we are attached by every tie of fraternal sympathy.

He who doeth all things well—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—has been pleased to summon to a crown immortal one who had ruled on earth with rare wisdom, ability and steadfast devotion to the welfare of her people; and England's Queen, Victoria the Beloved, has passed from the troubles, strifes and triumphs of earth to her eternal reward.

> The glories of our birth and state
> Are shadows, not substantial things;
> There is no armor against fate:
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> Death lays its icy hand on kings.
> All heads must come
> To the cold tomb:
> Only the actions of the just
> Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.

And now, whereas, By this sad and yet inevitable event, grief has, in especial manner, stricken the heart and shadowed the household of him, her son, who for twenty-five years has been Most Worshipful Grand Master of the great Masonic Fraternity of England and her widely extended boundaries, to wit: Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII; and

Whereas, In time of sorrow and bereavement, words of sympathy, truthfully spoken, are equally due to the highest as well as to the humblest of our brethren; therefore,

Be it resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee, in Annual Communication assembled, That the profound sympathy of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction is hereby tendered to the M. W. Grand Lodge of England, and to each individual brother of her allegiance; and especially to its illustrious ruler, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in this time of affliction and sorrow.

Be it further resolved, That the Representative of the

Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee be requested to communicate this action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to the Grand Lodge of England at his earliest convenience.

Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1900 under the head of "Ontario."

Lodges, 427; members, 17,343; increase, 122.

Isaac J. Thurman (McMinnville), G.M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

65th Communication, Houston, Dec. 4, 1900.

R. M. Lusk, G.M

Barring the calamity at Galveston, they have reason to rejoice at the general prosperity prevailing in the State. The absence of any occasion for the exercise of discipline among so large a membership speaks volumes for the high standard attained by the Masons of Texas, and the good-fellowship so cordially sustained. Eight new lodges are reported.

A lodge meeting held in Galveston about a week after the terrible disaster is thus described:

Perhaps the most impressive Lodge meeting ever held in Texas was the regular meeting of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, held September 17. Although the hall was wrecked and filled with supplies for the distressed, the members met in one end of it. They sat on grocery boxes, bean sacks, or stood around. Only three candles lighted the place, and in all the sombreness, with that awful gloom, the Lodge opened. The actions of the Master during the week previous were ratified, and the Lodge funds appropriated to the Relief Committee, and the Lodge was closed. It was an affecting sight, and the voices of the officers were stifled with sobs as they went through their parts. The following Wednesday, under similar conditions, Tucker Lodge met, took the same action and closed. And when we make our report to the Grand Lodge there will be no regular meeting not entered on the record.

Their Masonic Home is now in full operation, there are 76 inmates, and the cost of maintenance for the year was $188.13 per capita.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Lodges, 649; members, 29,021; increase, 880.

N. M. Washer (San Antonio), G.M.

John Watson (Houston), G.S.

UTAH.

30th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 15, 1901.
George V. Schramm, G.M.

The Grand Master reports harmony and progress; condemns the practice of the investigating committee making enquiries of the candidates themselves; advises against the topical plan of reports on Correspondence; urges all lodges to form Masonic libraries; and closes his eloquent address as follows:

During the closing year of the Nineteenth Century we have enjoyed a material prosperity beyond historic precedent. As a nation we have accuumulated wealth beyond the dream of avarice. The riches of Solomon pale into insignificance compared with the colossal fortunes of many of our Princes of Industry. Americans have engaged, are engaged and for some years will be engaged in a great struggle for the steady attainment of unlimited wealth. History teaches us that when a nation's energies are devoted to the accumulation of wealth, the simpler virtues are overlooked and forgotten. What we need now is a revival of the spirit of equality among men—of fraternity and charity—in order that manhood shall be placed above wealth—and that manhood may be respected and valued on its own account.

In the future, as in the past, Masonry will be the great conservative force of American National Life—causing men to pause in the mad race for riches, for Masons do not worship wealth, nor do they decry it.

Before our Altars all men are equal; here riches cannot be used as cloaks to cover and conceal vice. Here the worthy poor man enjoys the same benefits and blessings as his more prosperous brother. Here prince and pauper clasp hands and greet each other as brothers. Here we are taught that true manhood is more valuable than gold or silver; that riches are worth nothing save as they contribute to man's happiness and enable him to extend his circle of usefulness. Here quality among men shall and will be preserved, and from Masonic Halls will always issue the great moral forces that when disseminated among the people will recall the cardinal virtues that have always been the Nation's greatest glory.

Let us renew our allegiance to Masonic principles, and once more pledge undying fealty to the great truths that are taught at our sacred Altars.

The ruling powers in Utah are inimical to the Craft, and this is partly the reason for their not increasing in membership quite as fast as in other places. The Grand Secretary says:

The cause of this "shortage" is well known to the Masons

of Utah, each one of whom is familiar with the history of the three Mormon Masonic Lodges—Nauvoo, Helm and Neye—working under dispensations of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in Nauvoo, 1842-44, and they do not want history to repeat itself in their own mountain home. The Masons of Utah have heretofore and they will in the future obey the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity, and the unwritten law delivered to them by the fathers of Utah Masonry.

In the course of time the march of progress will naturally change many things for the better in our State, but if the recent past is a criterion for the future it will take decades of years before our Fraternity can even consider a change in the silent resolutions it has heretofore observed. But even if it should be willing to extend its hand and forget certain things and forgive others the "Powers that be," like the Roman Pontiff, have openly issued their decree against the Masonic institution, which is well, and to which the Masons of Utah will offer no objection. The good work will continue in spite of that declaration, and the Grand Lodge of Utah will never "cast anchor for repairs."

Concerning our small number of Lodges, it should be chronicled that seven of our Grand Masters, commencing with Grand Master E. T. Clohecy, refused to grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges in mining towns of an uncertain future, or in towns of too close proximity to Salt Lake City, which was then, and if continued will always be, for the best interests of Masonry. One strong and healthy Lodge in a prosperous city or town is of benefit to the Jurisdiction, while two or more weak and struggling ones are for many reasons just the contrary, and often injurious to the Craft at large. In looking over the present condition of Masonry in Utah I do believe that much of the solid strength we now possess and the moral influence we have attained is largely due to the courage of those Grand Masters who refused to grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges in towns inhabited by a roaming class of people, and in most instances of doubtful character.

The new Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized; Mexico was denied, and Porto Rico lies over for further information.

Lodges, 10; members, 907; increase, 40.

Charles W. Morse (Salt Lake City), G.M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G.S.

VERMONT.

107th Communication, Burlington, June 13,1900.

W. Scott Nay, G.M.

The progress made in ritualistic proficiency by the Masons of Vermont, as indicated by the correct work

in the District meetings, is a subject of complimentary comment. On these District meetings, the Grand Master says:

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

It has been my privilege to accompany the Grand Lecturer, and share in the proceedings of eight of the twelve District Meetings which have been held during the Masonic year. While I have been, in a measure, prepared for the surprises which I had some reason to expect awaited me, I confess that I did not anticipate witnessing such ideal work. Could our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, who have been unsuccessful in establishing these meetings, realize their value fully, no persuasion would cause them to be discontinued.

I have much sympathy for Grand Masters whose representatives are derelict in important duties. Vermont in twelve years has witnessed a revolution in Masonic procedure, and those of us whose duty and aim has been to bring order out of chaos, have builded better than we knew.

The good natured strife which prevails among Lodges to excel in the exemplification of esoteric and exoteric work is commendable, for whatever has been nearer ideal in either, has been instrumental in promulgating the underlying lessons of the Institution of Freemasonry, which should be our ultimate aim.

I have been particularly impressed with the dignified and gentlemanly conduct of the officers of Lodges, whose upright characters have added force to the important lessons that were inculcated, and have impressed candidates with exalted ideas of their mission, as well as an ideal manhood. I am convinced beyond doubt that no other methods could so faithfully and harmoniously accomplish the results which have been attained.

The address of the Grand Lecturer at the Deputies' Meeting in October last, recommended that only two degrees be conferred at these annual gatherings. I am convinced that this is a step in the right direction which will eventually result in still further progress toward perfection, when only one degree, including lectures, floor work, etc., shall be exemplified. I am confident that even then, none too much time will be allowed for instruction in the several features that require discussion, and give some time to social features which are by no means to be considered of lesser importance.

The Grand Master and Grand Lecturer are human, and unless blessed with more than ordinary fortitude, too long sessions on four or five successive evenings are not conducive to health, peace or happiness.

The Grand Master installed the officers of several lodges in public. We again note our objection to this method of advertising Masonry and solicitation of members. Under our ritualistic system, it would be quite

impossible to give our installation obligations in public. The Grand Master is persuaded that "these public gatherings are of great benefit to the members of the lodge, while to the public a clearer conception is given of the intents, purposes and beauties of Masonry, which may have been misunderstood." Why public gatherings are of more benefit to the members than private lodge meetings, we are not informed, and in our view, the "great benefit" is not discernible. As to the public, we see no necessity of giving them any "clearer conception" at all. That can only be done with one object, that is to attract members, which is totally opposed to the genius of our Fraternity.

We are heartily glad to be able to agree with Bro. Nay in the following remarks, Attending church in regalia is only another way of advertising, and while we appreciate the position of the Grand Master in this respect, we can not but be a little surprised that he does not take the same view of public installations, as the principle involved is precisely the same in both cases:

> I have refused to grant dispensations to two Lodges to appear in public on non-Masonic occasions, and once denied permission for a Lodge to attend divine service in regalia. I have been unable to be convinced that any Masonic Lodge can derive any additional benefits by attendance upon religious service clad in Lodge uniform.
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> I do deem it proper and advisable that Lodges as such, should attend church without any ostentation or display, and would recommend that the practice be encouraged. I am certain that not only much good to the Craft would obtain, but also additional benefit would ultimately be derived in the manifestation of more earnest zeal in disseminating Masonic principles.

The Grand Lecturer gives great praise to the District Deputies for their zeal and ability. Meetings were held in all the Districts except one, and the attendance was very large.

The recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium was rescinded by the adoption of the following special report of the Correspondence Committee:

> Your Committee must confess themselves to have been under a misapprehension, last year, as to the attitude of the Grand Orient of Belgium relative to the Grand Orient of France, a purported Masonic organization, but outside the pale of pure Freemasonry by reason of its action in striking from its ritual the sacred name of Deity, and substituting on

its altars the Book of Constitutions for the Great Light of Masonry.

Your Committee fully appreciate the efforts of the Grand Orient of Belgium in its struggle for the right and for humanity, and is in the fullest sympathy with its request for encouragement in its endeavors to promulgate and establish the tenets of pure Freemasonry. But it has ever been the belief of the Masons of Vermont that there is no middle road between right and wrong, and that no entangling alliances should be held by a Grand Body, requesting the recognition of this Grand Lodge, with any organization that has deliberately rejected the very foundation stone of Freemasonry.

With regret that the Grand Orient of Belgium does not see its way clear to sever its present relations with the so-called Grand Orient of France, and the hearty assurance that when the former shall align itself with this Grand Lodge in the declaration that no Grand Body that has rejected the corner stone of pure Freemasonry can be construed as Masonic, or its creations as kin to the great Masonic family, the Grand Lodge of Vermont will fully and heartily lend its aid, support and encouragement, your Committee can but recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication last year, in extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of Belgium be rescinded, and that the incoming M. W. Grand Master be requested to withdraw the commission of the representative of this Grand Body near the aforesaid Grand Orient of Belgium.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins continues his excellent reviews of other Grand Bodies, including Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 102; members, 10,193; increase, 258.

Winfield Scott Nay (Underhill), G.M.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

VICTORIA.

Quarterly Communication, Melbourne, March 21, 1901.

A. J. Peacock, Pro. G.M.

The sum of £25 was voted to the South African Patriotic Fund, and an appeal to the lodges was ordered to be made.

The Board of Relief investigated 185 applications, and granted 138, to the extent of £729.

June 20, 1900.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The minutes of September and December meetings do not call for any particular attention.

Hon. Alexander J. Peacock (Melbourne), G.M.
John Braim (Melbourne), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

123rd Communication, Richmond, Dec. 4, 1900.
George W. Wright, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is mainly taken up with financial matters. He reports two new lodges.

The following special report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted:

We recommend that the following Grand Lodges be officially recognized, viz.:

The Grand Lodge of Cuba.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

As to the first, a personal correspondence between the Grand Master of Masons in Cuba, M. Wor. Juan B. Hernandez, and the chairman of this committee, has furnished abundant evidence that Masonry is at last established in Cuba, of our own sort in every particular, with obligations like ours in essentials. with the Holy Bible wide open on every altar, and organized into a Grand Lodge, supreme in all particulars.

The same is true of Costa Rica, or seems to be. from their proceedings, published in English, and which closely resemble those of American Grand Lodges.

Western Australia is a new Grand Lodge, formed by thirty-three of the thirty-four Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, but does not yet contain those chartered by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. It has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and by the Grand Lodges of the other Australasian colonies.

The Washington Centennial Celebration was a complete success. The receipts were $7,454.23, and the expenditures $6,846.75, leaving a balance, which was paid into the Grand Lodge treasury, of $607.48.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Grand Orient of Belgium seems to be in fraternal relation with the Grand Orient of France, and at least one Grand Lodge in the United States has withdrawn its recognition for this reason; therefore,

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is hereby directed to correspond with the Grand Orient of Belgium on this subject, and make report at our next Grand Annual Communication.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston reports on Correspondence. In his review of Idaho, we find the following:

As Virginia is one of the older jurisdictions, and has never

had any trouble from this cause, perhaps the Idaho brethren will pardon us for here stating how we manage—not that we wish to urge upon them imitation of our local laws, but merely for their consideration. We, like England, permit what is called dual membership. A Mason in good standing can apply verbally for membership in any Lodge without fee, and can belong to as many as will elect him by unanimous ballot. He can withdraw from any Lodge at any time, if clear of the books and not under charges. Hence, if a member of only one Lodge, and wishing to change, he can apply to the new Lodge and be elected, and then withdraw from the old one, or he can withdraw first and then apply to the new one. We require no dimits, recognize them only as evidence of non-indebtedness, and issue them on request, largely because our members, moving to other jurisdictions, need them. Suspension in any one Lodge, for any cause, suspends the brother in all to which he belongs.

Canada for 1900 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 265; members, 13,444; increase, 608.

H. Oscar Kerns (Sutherlin), G.M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

43rd Communication, Tacoma, June 12, 1900.

William M. Seeman, G.M.

He reports peace and prosperity within their borders. Three new lodges were opened. He refused an application to make a Mason at sight, saying:

I felt compelled to deny this request as soon as it was presented to me. The doctrine—due in some instances to a misunderstanding of a quite different practice of our ancient brethren, and in others to a blind adherence to a practice of no great antiquity—that Grand Masters possess a prerogative to make Masons at sight, is still tolerated in a few jurisdictions; but among better informed Masons must be considered thoroughly exploded.

Recognition was refused to the Gran Dieta of Mexico.

It was determined that the Grand Lodge of Washington was not in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

Consideration of the request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was deferred.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Orient of Belgium, apparently in ignorance of the close relations between that body and the Grand Orient of France.

The jurisdiction is to be divided into eight Districts,

with a District Lecturer for each, and the lodges are to pay the expenses of visitation by the District Lecturer.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposal to grant a dispensation for a Lodge in Alaska at or in the vicinity of Cape Nome, would fraternally report that no constitutional or Masonic objection whatever exists to the establishment of a Lodge at that or any other point in Alaska.

Alaska is "open territory,' 'in which the Grand Lodge of Washington is at liberty to establish Lodges.

Should we at any time charter a Lodge at a point so distant from the meeting place of the Grand Lodge, some changes in our by-laws may become advisable; but so long as we have, in that region, Lodges U. D., only, no change in our laws will be necessary.

Without serious changes in our law, a dispensation for such a Lodge cannot issue until a petition has been received and approved by the nearest or most convenient Lodge.

Your Committee see nothing in the proposal which calls for special action by the Grand Lodge, as plenary authority is lodged in the M. W. Grand Master to grant dispensations for Lodges in Alaska, at his discretion, when the laws relative to the subject have been complied with.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the whole subject be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

It was decided that no meeting of a lodge should be held, except for burial of the dead, while the Grand Lodge is in session at its annual Communication, unless by permission of the Grand Lodge.

A proposition to give the Past Masters a collective vote in Grand Lodge was not received with favor.

A committee was appointed to report on the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. William H. Upton. We regret to say that it is marred by personalities which should have no place in a Masonic document. As he says himself, it is the most unsatisfactory report he has ever written, and we are not inclined to dispute his assertion.

Lodges, 104; members, 5,399; increase, 450.
Stephen J. Chadwick (Colfax), G.M.
Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

36th Communication, Parkersburg, Nov. 14, 1900.
Neil Robinson, G.M.

An unusually large number of corner-stones were laid with the impressive ceremonies of the Craft. One new lodge was organized. The Grand Master made a number of visits to lodges in the back country, far from railways and the general line of travel, and the long Masonic talks which he had in the fastnesses of the mountains will be ever in his mind as among the most enjoyable features of his tenure of office.

The members are warned against the vendors of so-called Masonic ciphers.

The Grand Lecturer reports that Masonry throughout the State has been in a healthy and prosperous condition during the past year. The knowledge of the ritual is becoming much more accurate. He ruled that it is improper to substitute instrumental music for the Scripture reading in any of the degrees. Also that it is not permissible for candidates for advancement to recite the lecture in chorus.

Each Master was requested to appoint a committee of three, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of building a Masonic Home.

The proposed amendment to abolish the Past Master's degree was rejected, not receiving the required two-thirds vote.

The recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was again postponed for another year. Further time was granted as to the new Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia.

Bro. George W. Atkinson, who is also the Governor of the State, submitted another of his high-class reports on Correspondence. The special committee having the matter in charge reported that he had brought the standard of their reports up to that point which would compare favorably with any others, and that his salary was totally inadequate for the service rendered, so the "salt money" was raised from $100 to $300, which is certainly little enough, even if he had to go on strike to get it, as he says himself:

> I tip my hat to my learned brother for his high compliment paid me as a Grand Lodge reporter. I can say to him that "this writer" did "go out on strike," and his appreciative Grand Lodge put up the pay to $300, instead of $100, as it has been "from time immemorial." For six honest weeks' work, $100 was too "slim picking" in these "full dinner pail times," for a six-foot man who can lift 800 pounds without trembling at the knees.

In his review of Canada for 1900, he quotes with pleasure several paragraphs from the address of Grand Master Malone, and also says:

The reports of the eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters embrace nearly one-half of the large volume of Proceedings of this M. W. Grand Lodge, and they are replete with details. Every Deputy makes it a rule to visit each Lodge in his District, and he never fails to submit a tabulated statement showing the exact condition of each Lodge he visits. These reports and tables should be accepted as models by the District Deputy Grand Masters of every Grand Lodge in the world. No item, however small, is overlooked, and when all of these items are united, the report becomes perfect in every feature of information of importance and value to the Craft. With such a body of men constantly working and persistently looking after the interests of the Fraternity, it is no wonder that Freemasonry in Canada progresses with rapid speed. When anything gets out of joint in a particular Lodge, the District Deputy, if not present at the time, will soon be there to adjust it and to place the machinery in running order. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and their several tabulated statements show that of the 361 Lodges in the Province, 354 were officially visited during the year, and that many of them were visited two or three different times.

I find another fact well worthy of note in reading the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that the Lodges, as a rule, are able to conduct the ritualistic work in all three of the Degrees, and that an improvement in the esoteric work is observed by the Deputies every year.

During the past few years, M. W. Brother John Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master, has been at work compiling a history of Freemasonry in the Canadian Provinces. He has already published two royal octavo volumes covering his researches along Masonic lines. In consideration of his masterful work already performed, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada appointed him to the honorary position of Historian of that Grand Lodge. I have received the two volumes of M. W. Brother Robertson's history, and have cursorily examined the same. These books reveal two important facts: First, education and ability to properly conceive and compile facts; and, second, boundless energy and perseverance.

In the Grand Lodge Gallery they have life-sized oil portraits of all their 26 Past Grand Masters.

Lodges, 117; members, 6,990; increase, 460.

A. D. W. Strickler (Philippi), G.M.

Geo. W. Atkinson (Charleston), G.S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

This new Grand Lodge has been organized with the approval of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Inaugural Meeting was held at Perth, February 27, 1900.

The movement had its origin in 1894, when there were no other lodges in the Colony but those holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, but on account of the number of lodges being so few, the proposal lapsed. In 1899, the project was revived, and circulars were issued to the lodges. Prior to this, any discussion of such a question was held to be an act of rebellion on the part of the English lodges, but the world moves, and the Mother Grand Lodge had altered their Constitution and discussion was no longer prohibited. Out of 34 lodges. 33 were in favor of establishing the new Grand Lodge, and on the 11th October, 1899, the Grand Lodge was declared regularly formed, a Grand Master was elected, and a committee appointed to draft a Constitution.

The Grand Master elected is the Governor of the Colony, His Excellency Sir Gerald Smith, K.C.M.G., a Past Grand Warden of England, and District Grand Master, E.C. His installation took place at the Inaugural Meeting, which was held in the ball-room of Government House in the presence of about 1,000 Masons. In his address, he says:

Brethren, we have met here to-night to put the finishing touches to a great Masonic work, viz., the Constitution of this Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

It was a work undertaken not on account of the depressed Masonic condition of our Society, but on the contrary because it had been manifest to us that the energy and skill of our brethren had been maintained by a large increase in the number of Lodges and of the brethren affiliated thereto.

We entered, therefore, upon the work which to-night we consummate with the highest motives in view, viz., to supply the additional administrative facilities which were absolutely necessary for the continuance and growth of the Masonic fraternity, and I hope and believe also to stimulate into activity those feelings of benevolence and charity which are dear to us all, and which we all share, and thus to render it more easy to give some practical shape at no distant date to those excellent Masonic sentiments.

It is indeed a matter of regret that the work thus com-

menced and concluded has fallen short in one sense of that measure of completion which we had hoped would result. We all looked forward to the Unity of the Three Constitutions, but circumstances which I need not allude to in detail have operated to prevent our Scottish brethren from joining us at present. This much, however, I desire to say, and I cannot impress it upon you, too strongly, that the principal motive power which has operated to prevent the Scottish Constitution from associating themselves with us in the United Grand Lodge of Western Australia has been a feeling of obedience and strict subordination to their supreme authority. We who have been ourselves most careful to move within the bounds of those rules and regulations laid down for our guidance, cannot but accord to the S. C. the respect which is due to them in this matter, however much we may and do regret that they are not at one with us to-night.

We cherish the hope that some means may be devised by which the difficulties which appear to stand in the way of the complete Unity of the Constitutions may be removed, and to that end no personal efforts of my own shall be wanting.

It is a source of great gratification and pleasure to us that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales have accorded us recognition at their recent meeting. In due time we shall receive from our Antient Mother Grand Lodge of England, and from other sister Grand Lodges the recognition which is our due, but I trust this Grand Lodge will never forget that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the senior Grand Lodge of Australasia has been the first to recognize us, and congratulate us upon our new departure.

The following resolution was passed after the new Constitution was received and a day fixed to discuss it:

That the warrants of all Lodges formerly under the E. C., but who by resolution have aproved the formation of the Grand Lodge and have acknowledged their allegiance to the same by their presence on this occasion, be handed to the Grand Secretary at his office in Perth to be by him retained until he shall have received instructions from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England for their disposal, and that those Lodges be informed that they will continue to meet and work under Warrants from this Grand Lodge, which shall be prepared and transmitted to them in due course, the necessary dispensations being in the meantime handed to them by the Grand Secretary.

At a special meeting on March 16, 1900, the Constitution was adopted; it was resolved that no portion of ritual should be printed or embodied in the Constitution; and the sum of $100 was granted to the Indian Famine Fund.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, April 27, 1900.

The address of the Pro. Grand Master, Br. the Hon. J. W. Hackett, gives the following information:

Our Grand Lodge now consists of 38 Lodges. All the Lodges under the English District Constitution have joined, with the exception of that of Southern Cross.

I am happy to be able to state that a most encouraging letter has been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which made it clear that the Grand Lodge of Ireland views our movements with every feeling of fraternal sympathy. Of the two Lodges under the Irish Constitution one, the Abercorn, has now become affiliated, while already one of the Lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution, that of Guildford, has decided to connect itself with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The step taken by the Abercorn Lodge is the more gratifying because that Lodge by the change involves itself in far larger financial obligations than it would have incurred had it remained under the Irish Constitution.

I trust I may be allowed to remark that I cannot consider our Masonic circle complete until the great body of Masons belonging to the Antient and Independent Grand Lodge of Scotland have enlisted under the banner of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. To us they must bring new vitality and strength, and I earnestly hope that no long time will pass before all or most of the Lodges will have joined fraternal hands with this Constitution. I may here mention that a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland contained allusions to our movement, which displayed so much misapprehension of what was being done, set forth such strange misstatements, and contained so many erroneous conclusions, that I directed the Grand Secretary to write a letter of full explanation and correction. I trust that the result will be to give the Scottish Grand Lodge an entirely different view of our proceedings from that it appears to entertain at present. When the intimation of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge reaches Edinburgh no more warrants, we may assume, will be issued for the constitution and consecration of private Lodges under the Scottish Constitution in Western Australia.

News that the Grand Lodge of England had fully recognized and acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was received in Perth on March 7. In a letter which has since arrived from the Grand Secretary we have been informed that the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has graciously acceded to the request of our Grand Master that the warrants of the Lodges which held under the English Constitution should be returned to this colony after they have been duly cancelled in London, in order that they may be preserved as memorials of our authority and origin.

Since its formation one new Lodge has been constituted and consecrated under the new Grand Lodge, that of the

Swan, at East Perth, while warrants for two others have been approved, and two petitions for the formation of new lodges have been received. This will give us a total of 42 Lodges, and when I mention that in South Australia the Grand Lodge has but 38 or 39 working Lodges under its jurisdiction, you will grasp how successful this great Masonic movement has proved in this colony.

It costs something to be a Grand Lodge officer there. The fees of office range from $105 for the Grand Master, to $3 for a Grand Steward.

The lodges are to be numbered according to seniority of consecration.

We cordially greet this new Grand Lodge and wish them every success and prosperity.

Sir Gerard Smith (Perth), G.M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

56th Communication, Milwaukee, June 12, 1900.

Charles E. Whelan, G.M.

The year has shown a conservative, healthy growth. The Grand Master thinks that the time has not yet come when the Craft in the State can assume the burden of building and maintaining a Masonic Home. On the work he says:

> It is well worth the while of this Grand Lodge to consider the want of uniformity in ritual in the several States of the union. The differences are simply amazing. While I am unalterably opposed to a General Grand Lodge, to which any part of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge shall be surrendered, I believe much good would result from a general conference of Masons at stated periods. With the securing of uniformity of work as one of the objects, I believe there gradually would be evolved a uniformity which would place us closer together on the ritual. We could not hope for radical changes at once, as each custodian of the work is usually positively right, but as these representatives rubbed together continually they would evolve some sort of order out of the variety of rituals now exemplified. I recommend that our representatives near other Grand Lodges be requested in the name of this Grand Lodge to invite those Grand Lodges to send a representative to a general conference in the city of Milwaukee at some date in 1901 for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual interest, including charity, ritual, and the promotion of Masonic harmony and brotherly love.

The Grand Secretary reports an unusually active year

among the lodges, owing to the zeal and earnestness of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer reports the attendance at Lodges of Instruction an improvement over former years.

Political methods of securing election are severely condemned, and the following edict was passed:

It is unmasonic for a Mason to solicit for himself, either personally or by another, influence for votes to promote his election to any office in his Lodge or in the Grand Lodge. It is unmasonic for a Mason to try in any manner to influence the vote of another, either for or against any person for Masonic office, but he may state whether or not in his judgment, a particular person is well qualified by good character and Masonic knowledge to discharge the duties of the specified office.

Pending the election of Grand Lodge officers, the following poem, by the daughter of our old friend, Bro. Wm. C. Swain, was read by the Grand Chaplain. It is worthy of preservation, not only on account of its association, but for its real merit. It will touch the heart of every reader:

TO MY FATHER.

By Miss Mary Swain, daughter of Past Grand Mas'er W. C. Swain, of Milwaukee.

So you will be sixty-eight in the Spring,
And I was nineteen in the Fall.
Then what of the forty-nine years of your life,
When you never knew me at all?

But I am only a foolish girl,
And you, do you feel very old?
For your heart has stood watching the years fly past
And you still look young, I am told.

You've been learning and learning for sixty-eight years,
Sixty whole years and eight,
But you never learned how to be old at heart
And now it is grown too late.

What have you been and what have you done?
Are you thinking of that to-day?
You have been—ah, you've been all the world to me,
But you would be more, you say?

You never were half what you hoped to be?
You see the ideal from afar?
If you never had had so high an aim,
You never would be what you are.

You "seen your duty, and done it," too;
You never cared for the wealth,
You have honors and friends and titles galore,
You have also been blessed with health.

And you may tell St. Peter for me,
When you reach that Golden Gate,
You are full of stories and full of fun
And that will decide your fate.

So you will be sixty-eight in the Spring,
And I was nineteen in the Fall,
But what of the years when my hair is gray?
And you will not know me at all?

But could it be planned any better,
For somebody plans, I'm told,
I need your years and your care while I'm young,
You need my youth when you're old.

So you just stay where you are for a while,
The birthdays may come and go,
For if your heart keeps as young as now
Howe'er will any one know?

And if we keep on hoping,
If we never cease to try,
I may be as old as you some day
And you be as young as I.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented a capital report on Correspondence. He is not in favor of recognizing the Gran Dieta of Mexico. In his conclusion, he says:

The subject of Masonic Homes is one that is being considered by the Grand Lodges in the United States in many jurisdictions. Many of them possess institutions of this kind that are very efficient in the dispensation of Masonic charity and in every way creditable. In many of the jurisdictions, however, work of this kind beyond the ability of the Craft to carry out, has been undertaken to the great detriment of Masonry, resulting in serious financial embarrassment, the consequent inability to perform many of the ordinary functions of Masonry that should be discharged by Grand Lodges, and sometimes entailing serious loss of membership. Where a Grand Lodge is possessed of a large membership and ample funds, not only to build and equip, but also to maintain such an institution, work of this kind can be undertaken with safety and satisfaction, but where these conditions do not exist beyond peradventure, they would do well to hesitate long and consider the subject well before embarking in such an enterprise.

The tendency to spectacularize the work by means of stereopticon, robes, stage settings and scenery, and musical embellishments, is generally reprehended by the writers of correspondence reports. There is also a growing tendency towards doing away with all keys and ciphers to the work as being, as they undoubtedly are, contrary to the teachings and obligations of the Institution.

Regarding that class of Masons known as non-affiliates, against whom in many jurisdictions harsh and unmasonic measures have at times been adopted, a reaction seems to have set in, and milder measures are being adopted. This is equally true of that class who for some reason neglect, refuse or find themselves unable to pay, their dues to local Lodges. While far from being universal, opinion seems to be crystalizing upon the doctrine that deprivation of Lodge membership should be the only penalty attached to either class of these offenders, that as they came into the Order of their own free will and accord, they should be equally as free to leave the Lodge or the Institution should they find membership therein irksome or uncongenial.

Lodges, 241; members, 17,709; increase, 197.
C. C. Rogers (Milwaukee), G.M.
J. W. Laflin Milwaukee), G.S.

WYOMING.

26th Communication, Green River, September 5, 1900.
E. P. Bowman, G.M.

In a brief, businesslike address, the Grand Master has the following remarks on the state of the Craft:

Visiting Subordinate Lodges is one of the most important duties of the Grand Master. I have endeavored to discharge it faithfully. During the last year I have had the good fortune to be able to visit but two of our Lodges. I believe there is much good to be derived from these visits, although there may be some who think that they are unnecessary. In a jurisdiction like this of ours, where we have members of the Craft who were made and instructed in the ritual in many different States, we are liable to have a diversified understanding and manner of performing the work. To correct this existing condition will require much labor for the succeeding officers of this Grand Body.

The Lodges visited I found in a good, healthy, growing condition, all doing some work, and in some cases the Lodges had a great deal of work in sight. Everywhere the officers and members seemed to be imbued with the true spirit and were heart and soul in the work.

The question of a Home was deferred, as under present conditions it would be too burdensome.

The project of a Grand Lodge Library was considered

as hardly practicable at present. Each lodge was recommended to have one of its own.

An amendment to the Rules providing that no lodge should receive the petition for membership of any saloonkeeper, bartender, or professional gambler, was lost. We wonder why? It seems to be all right.

The report of the special committee on Official Work was adopted, and the work therein recommended was declared to be the official work of the jurisdiction.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That from and after St. John's Day, 1900, the official work adopted by this Grand Lodge at this sesion, together with the official monitor heretofore adopted, be used exclusively in this jurisdiction, and that the use of any other work after the date aforesaid be and the same is heredy prohibited, and that said work shall at all times be solely under the control and disposal of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to make such arrangements and rules as will secure such control and insure the promulgation thereof in accordance with the full intent and direction as expressed in the consideration of the subject.

In his review of Colorado, Bro. Kuykendall has the following in reply to Bro. Greenleaf:

From this our highly respected brother goes back at least as far as Solomon, with a continuous line of our speculative Craft. We are somewhat surprised that our brother claims that our present ritual, either as to essentials or non-essentials, is in any important respect similar to what existed among operative Masons prior to the so-called revival in 1717. Besides, the historical account of the building of the temple in the Great Light points with reasonable certainty to the fact that all three of the prominent personages mentioned therein were living when and for some time after the temple was completed. If antiquity alone of the Solomon character, instead of Masonic principles and teachings exemplified in our present ritual is what keeps the "others" mentioned within the pale of Masonry as members, the Institution would in our opinion be better off without them. He closes by admonishing us to abandon what he terms our "untenable ground and unite with him in the defense of the most ancient fraternity now on the scene of human activity." We do not have to unite on that point, for we have time and again declared it to be our opinion that our fraternity antedated all others now in existence. We had intended to drop this discussion as unprofitable, and have only written at such length for the reason that our highly respected brother mildly insinuated in above quotation and elsewhere that we have not held that our Institution was and is the oldest in existence. Operative Masonry dates far back in the centuries. We have

yet to find anyone advocating that it and our Masonry were one and the same. On the contrary, we believe it is generally held that the latter is founded upon and is the successor of the former. With this we shall endeavor to dismiss the whole subject, holding fast, however, to our heretofore and present contention that there was no revival of our speculative system in 1717.

We also quote the following from his review of Connecticut:

He quotes our remarks concerning the doing away with non-essentials and says: "This presents the important question, What are non-essentials?" closing with "Let us cling to the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set up." We consider everything non-essentials that are not absolutely requisite for the perpetuation, welfare and government of our great Institution, and further, that everything is such that is not clearly a landmark and that could be made at least reasonably uniform without infringing upon the latter. The latter is the great stumbling block in the way of securing uniformity in minor matters. Very few things can be mentioned that are not claimed to be landmarks, when the fact is they are few in number. We could cite several claims to that effect in first one jurisdiction and then another that are held and have been declared not to belong in the fundamental class at all by others. Masonry manages to jog along under such a mixed condition, no two holding strictly to the same doctrine. If our brother will for a year or two carefully note the difference in rulings and dispensations clearly not coming under the head of real and not manufactured landmarks, and then apply a common sense view and the eternal fitness of things, he can easily sift the chaff from the good Masonic grain and determine in his own mind that everything that does not endanger the existence of Masonry are non-essentials. We do not believe the fathers or anybody else intendel that Masonry should be a second Jacob's coat.

Also the following from Nova Scotia:

The Grand Lodge of Belgium was recognized. The fact is that Grand Orient is not an independent body except in a limited sense. Upon six months' notice it may be placed in the same position it occupied prior to the agreement which caused recognition by a few Grand Lodges in this country. In such case there will be a repetition of the recent Peru incident. We are opposed to foreign entanglements Masonically and otherwise, except in cases connected with Masonry, where the body to be recognized is clearly independent, legitimate beyond question, and all its acts are plain and can be thoroughly understood without the aid of an intermediary.

And under "Vermont" he notes the additional reason for non-recognition, that Belgium is in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Orient of France:

If in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Orient of France it is now in order for Vermont and other recognizing bodies in this country to either repeal their edicts of non-intercourse with the latter or draw the line against Belgium. Our understanding is that the Grand Orient of Belgium only controls the three symbolic degrees conditionally under a treaty or agreement that may be abrogated at any time by another body. Such being the case, it would appear as though recognition by our Grand Lodges was a little previous. The Peru incident, wherein time, patience, paper and printers' ink were worse than wasted, seems to have had no effect upon the question of recognizing nearly any Orient having the cheek to apply. The exchange of representatives seems to be the central figure, having as much or more to do with recognition in some cases than the actual merits and legitimacy warrant. Grand Bodies that allow nearly if not all of them to be left severely alone are on the safe side and will profit when the evil days come and the representatives so-called have lost their laborious jobs of holding their moth-eaten commissions. Do away with that system and there will be less recognition of doubtful Grand Orients, etc. Vermont later on in its proceedings rescinded its recognition of Belgium. Another case of marching up the hill and down again. Let us now hear from other recognizing bodies and pity the sorrows of the Grand Representatives.

Canada for 1899 has a good notice.
Lodges, 16; members, 1,098; increase, 54.
C. H. Townsend (Casper), G.M.
William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G.S.

MEXICO.

We have received the Proceedings of the "Gran Dieta Simbolica" of the United States of Mexico, at the session held in the City of Mexico on June 20, 1900. Manuel Levi, G.M.; F. Inglesia, G.S. Out of the sixteen delegates appointed eleven were present. All took the oath of fidelity to the new Constitution. This new Constitution "only recognizes the following laws as part of its dogma—the Ancient Charges as inserted in the English Book of Constitutions of 1721, and the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity and the General Regulations of 1720, all without the slightest alteration."

The Gran Dieta is a Confederation of Grand Lodges, "united by the tie of common dogma, but free, sovereign and independent in their internal government, each one of them adopting the Constitution that may suit it, always within the principles of the laws above mentioned."

The Gran Dieta is composed of four Grand Lodges: The Grand Lodge, "Valley of Mexico," with 39 lodges; The Grand Lodge, "Benito Juarez," with 12 lodges; The Grand Lodge, "Ignatio Ramirez," with 7 lodges, and the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz with 11 lodges. This last named Grand Lodge was organized lately, as "the result of the anti-Masonic treaty which was executed in June, 1899, between the Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. R. and the so-called United Mexican Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Vera Cruz."

Of these 69 lodges, 57 work in the Spanish language, eleven in English, and one in German.

There appears to be considerable friction as yet between the Gran Dieta and the other Mexican Masonic Bodies, decrees and counter-decrees being extensively in evidence. Besides the Grand Lodges above named, there are also the Grand Lodge "Santos Degollado," the Grand Lodge "Hidalgo of Toluca," and the Grand Lodge "Cosmos of Chihuahua." The Gran Dieta says that these Grand Lodges are not lawful, and the compliment is vigorously returned.

As at present advised, we cannot recommend the recognition of any Masonic body in Mexico.

Since the above was written, another development has taken place. Weary of existence, the Gran Dieta has deliberately committed felo de se. At an extraordinary session held on April 30, 1901, the Gran Dieta declared itself dissolved, and returned to each one of the Grand Lodges in the Confederation the powers covered by Article 15 of the Constitution of 1899, the principal one being the power of representation before the Masonic powers of other countries. They also recommend, as worthy of recognition—the Grand Lodge "Valley of Mexico," the Grand Lodge "Benito Juarez," and the Grand Lodge "Ignacio Ramirez," with the final intimation that "These are regular Grand Lodges and we hereby notify you that there are other so-called Grand Lodges in the Republic which do not practice true Masonry."

What has become of the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz we are not informed.

Following this the Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico, has issued the following circular:

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., "Valle de Mexico," to all Bodies of Universal Masonry

Brethren,—From the document which we have the honor to enclose you will note that by a resolution of the Gran Dieta Simbolica of the United Mexican States, this Body has declared itself dissolved and therefore leaves the Grand Lodges of the Confederation in the full enjoyment of their Sovereign Powers.

The Gran Dieta has recommended this Grand Lodge to establish fraternal relations, as we now hope to establish with your Grand Lodge.

For this purpose, and in order to clear up any doubts that may arise, we make the following explanations:

I. That this Grand Lodge in every way complies with the primitive laws of Symbolic Masonry, which are the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity, the Constitutions of 1721, and the Ancient Regulations.

II. That the Great Light is always placed on the Altar of the Lodges.

III. That the initiation of women, eunuchs and mutilated persons is prohibited.

IV. That our Constitution has been drafted in accordance with those of the other Grand Lodges which are accepted as regular Bodies in the Universal Brotherhood.

V. That this Grand Lodge has sustained itself since the year 1878 without interruption, and is therefore the oldest of those existing in the Mexican Republic.

VI. That this Grand Lodge will recognize all others within the National Territory, that preserve intact the laws of the Fraternity.

We hope that our Petition will receive your favorable consideration, and thus enable us to continue on our way to Masonic perfection and to form a link in the great Universal Chain.

We salute you Fraternally.

MANUEL LEVI, Gran Maestro.
F. IGLESIAS, Gran Secretario.

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All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Collingwood, June, 1901.

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